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## Conditions for Mideast peace set out

# Arab summit opens

ALGIERS, June 7, (Agencies): Algerian President Chadli Benjedid set out Arab terms for Middle East peace that would effectively rule out current US ideas when he opened an emergency Arab summit today.

The best-attended Arab summit in more than a decade heard Benjedid reiterate conditions agreed by previous summits that flatly contradict suggestions presented by US Secretary of State George Shultz.

Shultz left the Middle East today after a fourth, largely unsuccessful tour to promote his plan, which has been received with grave reservations by most Arabs and by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

### Terms

The summit host said that Arab conditions for peace were:

- It should be negotiated at an international conference with full decision-making powers.

- All interested parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), should participate.

- Participants should include all five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

- The conference should

have full authority to reach a comprehensive solution to the Middle East conflict.

• The settlement should ensure the return of Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

• The solution to the Palestinian problem should guarantee the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and establishment of an independent state of their own.

### Sustain

The summit was called by Algeria to discuss ways of sustaining a six-month uprising in Israeli-occupied territories in which more than 200 Palestinians have died.

Arab leaders stood for one minute in honour of the intifada, as the uprising is called in Arabic, at the start of the summit.

The Shultz plan was launched partly in response to the uprising and it calls for limited self-rule for the Palestinians in the occupied territories.

It completely ignores the PLO and calls for an international meeting to launch direct peace talks between Israel and each of its Arab neighbours. The meeting would have no authority to impose decisions.

No Arab states have accepted the Shultz plan, but they have stopped short of an outright



Arafat (left) being greeted by King Hussein. (Reuter wirephoto)

rejection that could lay them open to charges of blocking efforts for peace in the Middle East.

Benjedid said that inter-Arab squabbles had dissipated Arab energies and called on the summit to agree to joint action.

King Hussein of Jordan, from whom Israel seized the West Bank in the June 1967 Six-Day War, described the uprising as "the path to liberation and dignity."

The pro-Western monarch, often accused by Arab hardliners of opposing the PLO, stunned the conference with emotional praise of the uprising. He compared it to Algeria's battle for independence from France.

"We extended to our Algerian brothers all the support that we could as they struggled as heroically, offering legendary sacrifices, to grasp their freedom from ugly colonial occupation," he said.

The enemy has increased its aggression and rejected peace.

"We don't reject peace," said Benjedid who stressed that in 1982 in Morocco a peace plan was adopted by the Arab leaders, but the Zionist enemy rejected it. He called for halting the Gulf

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HH the Amir talks with Chadli Benjedid (right) after arriving in Algiers. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Amir flies aboard Al Jaberiya

## Big no to terrorism

ALGIERS, June 7, (Agencies): In a symbolic gesture designed to say no to terrorism, HH the Amir of Kuwait arrived in Algiers today for the Arab summit aboard the same jet Muslim extremists hijacked two months ago.

The Amir left Kuwait this morning at the head of a large government delegation aboard the Al Jaberiya — the name of the blue and white Kuwait Airways jet commandeered while on a flight from Bangkok to Kuwait in April.

He chose to travel aboard the jumbo jet to give a "big no" to terrorism and blackmail.

"There is no place for fear or terror in the hearts of Kuwaitis," Kuwait News Agency, (KUNA) said.

The hijackers were demanding

### Bomb blast near Syrian checkpoint in Beirut

BEIRUT, June 7, (Reuter): A car bomb blew up near a Syrian checkpoint in West Beirut today, killing or wounding 20 people in a fresh blow to Syria's security drive in Lebanon.

Security sources said a Mercedes sedan with 15 kg (33 pounds) of explosives blasted the seafront Marjeh area on the southern fringes of West Beirut where Syrian troops have maintained checkpoints since February last year.

Civil Defence sources said three people were killed and 17 wounded in the afternoon blast, including two Syrian soldiers and two Lebanese policemen manning the checkpoint with the Syrians.

The area, an intersection leading to south Lebanon, the mountains and Beirut airport, is usually packed with motorists.

### Littered

Witnesses said the blast wrecked several shops and small concrete houses in the area. The street was littered with the mangled, scorched remains of several cars, uprooted lamp posts and shattered glass.

A security source said the stabbing, a blow to supporters of Jordan, could trigger a wave of resignations by Israeli-appointed officials. The mayors of Nablus and Gaza have already quit and the mayor of Ramallah has stopped working.

In other developments, Israeli troops opened fire at rioting Arabs in the Gaza Strip hours after an assistant US secretary of state toured the area, and a nine-month-old Palestinian girl lost her eye in the shooting.

The girl was identified as Feda Samir Al Sharaf.

Three other Arabs were injured in protests in Gaza's Isabiliya refugee camp. In the West Bank, a 16-year-old Palestinian boy was wounded and an Israeli motorist injured in the face by a stone.

The blast also touched off a firefight between Syrian troops and pro-Iranian Hezbollah militiamen, police said.

Fifteen opposition members walked out in protest.

In Dhaka, riot police were alerted as opponents threatened

## Senate rejects move to end US Gulf convoys

WASHINGTON, June 7, (Agencies): The US Senate today voted down a move to end Navy escorts for US-flag tankers in the Gulf.

The 54-31 vote followed the latest in a series of debates reflecting concern over the US role in the Gulf coupled with an unwillingness to undercut the administration's policy in the strategically important region.

The administration last year allowed the re-registration of 11 Kuwaiti tankers entitled them to US Navy protection from Iranian attack.

### Proposal

The move to end tanker escorts was proposed by Democrat Brock Adams in a resolution that also called for invoking the 1973 War Powers Act, which gives Congress a voice on continuing deployment of US forces in hostile situations.

But Democratic leader Robert Byrd asked the Senate to defeat the resolution on a point of order.

Although he opposed US policy in the Gulf, he said, "now to take action would create a bad perception around the world and I think it would be a mistake at this point."

Meanwhile, Iran has rushed two ageing frigates through a refit to restore its naval firepower in the Gulf, but appears unwilling to risk a second mauling at the hands of US warships, Gulf-based military sources said.

The two British-built frigates, the Alvand and Alvand, were put on show during Iran's naval exercises in the Gulf of Oman last month, but since then have been patrolling close to the main southern Gulf naval port of Bandar Abbas.

### Showing off

"The exercises were a great show-off," said one senior military source in the region.

"But the frigates have not ventured far from port since. It was mostly public relations," he said.

In battles on April 18, US warships and aircraft sank the frigate Sahand and severely damaged another, the Sabalan. Four smaller vessels, including a French-built "Kaman" fast attack craft, were sunk or disabled.

The two frigates formed the backbone of Iran's Navy and their loss left a gaping hole since the only other vessels with comparable firepower -- were laid up in Bandar Abbas for maintenance and a refit.

Their low profile since putting to sea is in marked contrast to the Sahand and Sabalan's aggressive patrolling of the Gulf before April's clashes.

An Iranian commander's television admission he made mistakes which cost Tehran two battlefield defeats in a row indicated a widening rift within the ranks of the Iranian military, Tehran residents said today.

### Scapegoat

The residents said Iran was looking for a scapegoat after the defeats and the likeliest candidate for disgrace was elite Revolutionary Guards commander Mohsen Rezaei.

Rezaei, considered one of the most powerful men in Iran, admitted mistakes in his military judgment on state-controlled Iranian Television, said the Tehran residents, reached by telephone from Athens.

They said Rezaei looked drawn and drowsy as he confessed to mistakes of the Revolutionary Guards — a privileged corps adhering to Ayatollah Khomeini's brand of Islamic fundamentalism.

Iraqi troops in April and May recaptured from the Guards in lightning offensives the Faw peninsula and Salamchah, southeast Iraq.

### Rafsanjani again elected Speaker

NICOSIA, June 7, (Reuters): The Iranian Parliament today re-elected deputy Armed Forces Chief Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani as Speaker, Tehran's news agency IRNA said.

In the Majlis (Parliament) 187 members voted for Rafsanjani, 10 against and five abstained, IRNA, received in Cyprus, said.

Rafsanjani, who has held the post for eight years, had been acting speaker prior to the election in Iran's third Parliament since the 1979 revolution overthrew the Shah.

during their recent summit in Moscow.

But they differed on the ways and means to end the Iraq-Iran war, now in its eighth year. While the US wants to impose an arms embargo on Iran now, the Soviets are putting emphasis on a "comprehensive approach, by which we mean that international efforts to fulfil all the provisions of UN Security Council resolution 598 must be exhausted," Zverev said.

Resolution 598 stipulates an immediate ceasefire in the war, returning of the forces of both the belligerents to the international boundaries and the setting up of a commission to decide who started the war.

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### 'Time not ripe for such a resolution'

## Soviets, in principle, do not reject arms embargo on Iran

By Attaq Samad

THE Soviet Union, in principle, does not reject the imposition of an arms embargo on Iran, but believes that the time has not come for such an embargo.

In an interview with the Arab Times, the Soviet ambassador to Kuwait Ernest Zverev said: "We consider that some questions must be discussed and solved before adopting such a resolution."

He also said that the United States and the Soviet Union are in agreement about the need for an international peace conference to solve the Middle East crisis.

Referring to the Gulf war, the



Zverev: need  
ambassador said US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had a detailed discussion on the Gulf war and other regional conflicts

### Bangladesh makes Islam state religion

DHAKA, June 7, (Reuters): Bangladesh, the world's third largest Muslim nation, made Islam its state religion today as riot police went on alert to prevent protests against the law.

The sandbags at the Syriac checkpoint were upturned and littered with shrapnel. Casualties with limbs ripped off by the force of the blast lay everywhere in pools of blood," one witness said.

The witnesses said the blast cleared several shops and small concrete houses in the area. The street was littered with the mangled, scorched remains of several cars, uprooted lamp posts and shattered glass.

A security source said the stabbing was the first

attack on a prominent Arab official since the start of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories on Dec 9.

A lone assailant attacked

Tawil shortly before noon outside the doors of the Al Bireh municipal offices, just a few hundred yards from his home, Bar-Lev said.

Al Bireh was placed under indefinite curfew.

It was not immediately known

who was responsible for the

attack, but the clandestine leadership of the uprising has

to protest. The country's main opposition leaders have been against the amendment, saying it would encourage communal strife and change the country's secular character.

More than 90 per cent of Bangladesh's 105 million people are Muslims, making it the most populous Muslim country after Indonesia and Pakistan. Bangladesh also has small Hindu, Buddhist and Christian communities.

Several French papers and radios said yesterday that the Mirage-2000 deal will help the French airplane company Dassault overcome its financial losses.

French newspaper Les Echos quoted French sources as saying that France and Kuwait might have signed a contract on the purchase of 40 Mirage-2000 planes.

### Kuwait denies Mirage deal

KUWAIT yesterday denied signing a deal to purchase Mirage-2000 aircraft from France.

A Defence Ministry source said this report, published by the French media is baseless, noting that the plan to purchase such kind of planes is still under consideration.

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## INTERNATIONAL

Row over Palme's murder probe

# Swedish justice minister quits

STOCKHOLM, June 7. (Reuter): The abortive and scandal-ridden search for the killer of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme claimed new political victim today when Justice Minister Anna-Greta Leijon quit over her handling of the investigation.

Leijon was forced to resign after it became clear that the government faced defeat in a parliamentary no-confidence vote.

She had admitted authorising a privately-financed, secret investigation into the February 1986 murder.

Leijon's covert investigation was headed by Ebbe Carlsson, a publisher with close links to the ruling Social Democrats but few other obvious qualifications. It ended in failure and embarrassment last week after Carlsson's bodyguard was caught trying to smuggle illegal surveillance equipment into Sweden.

### Mistake

"Anna-Greta Leijon was committed to fighting terrorism and did more than anybody else to combat it," said Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson, making no attempt to hide his bitterness at

the resignation of one of his closest political allies.

"But she made a mistake and the opposition could not accept that. So they have dismissed a woman who did so much against violence and terrorism," he said.

Carlsson vowed to return Leijon to office if the Social Democrats win what is expected to be an extremely close general election scheduled for Sept. 18. Meanwhile, her duties have been taken over by Industry Minister Thage Petersson.

Leijon took on her job last October after her predecessor Sten Wickbom quit in another security scandal which showed that the authorities had learned none of the lessons of the Palme murder.

An imprisoned Swedish spy was allowed to escape to the Soviet Union after being left unguarded during a conjugal furlough from prison. In 1983 Ove Rainer resigned for allegedly taking advantage of tax loopholes.

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from a cinema. The lone assailant escaped down an alley.

From the first attempts to track down the killer were marked by confusion, personal disputes, political intrigue, professional incompetence and bitter recriminations.

An official inquiry lambasted police for failing to cordon off the murder site adequately and neglecting to set up road blocks or airport controls.

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Air force personnel indicated today that they would now drop the resolution.

"It was right that she resigned. It was the only solution," said opposition Liberal Party leader Bengt Westerberg.

Palme was shot in the back while walking home with his wife

sidents in the Swedish police force and Croatian nationalists.

The first head of the investigation, Hans Holmer, was convinced that the assassination was the work of left-wing Kurdish group. In January 1987 he rounded up 20 Kurds in a dramatic dawn raid.

Hours later, they were freed for lack of evidence. Holmer was taken off the case shortly afterwards, his career ruined.

Leijon, 49, was the third justice minister to resign under a cloud since the Social Democrats took office in 1982.

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failed to close frontiers or alert border guards to the escape.

There are many theories about

the motives behind the Palme murder, but there is little hard evidence. Attempts have been made to blame the killing on an Iranian hit squad, the Chilean secret police, right-wing dis-



Swedish Justice Minister Anna-Greta Leijon closes her eyes after announcing her resignation. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Tamil rebels kill one soldier

# Indian troop pullout begins

COLOMBO, June 7. (AP): Indian troops began boarding homeward-bound ships in Trincomalee harbour today, just after Tamil rebels blew up a jeep and killed an Indian soldier in what a Sri Lankan official called "a show of strength" to mark the withdrawal.

Si Lankan military officers said the jeep was being used on patrol some 10 kilometres south of Trincomalee when the rebels detonated a mine under it. Four Indian soldiers also were wounded.

"It was a show of strength by the rebels," said one officer. "It's a slap in the face."

### Schedule

The Indian High Commissioner Nirupam Sen said the attack did not affect the pullout of the first contingent of Indian peacekeeping soldiers and weapons, including Soviet-made T-72 tanks and 105mm and 120mm artillery.

India began sending soldiers into Sri Lanka last July 30 to enforce a peace accord aimed at ending the five-year-old Tamil separatist war on the island. The deployment increased in October after the rebels renounced the peace plan, refused to surrender

all of their weapons and resumed fighting.

The Indian troops, stationed only in northern and eastern Sri Lanka where Tamils are in the majority, then were ordered to disarm the rebel fighters.

Tamils comprise 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people and claim they are discriminated against by the Sinhalese, who constitute 75 per cent of the population and control the government and the military. The rest of the population are descendants of Muslim traders or Christian colonisers.

It is his first visit since the two countries broke off relations in 1973 over Algerian support for Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco for the independence of the Western Sahara.

At the freshly painted Arashi Hotel, venue of the three-day emergency summit, Hussein and Arafat were at the opening. Iraq, Somalia and Oman were represented by senior officials.

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Elections have been held in six provinces so far.

## Instant millionaires with luck

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 7. (Reuter): Afghan refugees who have fallen back to the final defence perimeter of Kandahar, tipped to be the first big city to fall to Muslim fighters, Western diplomatic sources said today.

In Kabul, a long-standing split in President Najibullah's government appears to have worsened and is causing concern for the Soviet Union, the sources said, quoting intelligence reports reaching Pakistan from Kabul.

The jackpot, offered in a drawing held on Saturday night, was the largest in US history, beating the previous record of \$46 million awarded last October in Pennsylvania.

The newest multi-millionaires were Randy Pennington, a clerk at a food shop where he bought his winning ticket, and Shelby Carroll.

Pennington, a bachelor, said he bought 10 one-dollar lottery tickets at the shop in a Sacramento suburb, then sat at home alone to watch the lottery drawing on television.

He said he had not decided how he would spend his \$25.7 million share of the prize. The money will be paid in annual installments of \$1,028,000 over 20 years.

## Afghan rebels set to capture Kandahar

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Casualties among the troops were heavy, the sources said. One Afghan civilian in Kabul said he was told to look for the body of a relative among the corpses of 300 soldiers, all brought from Kandahar.

Elsewhere, all Soviet troops may have evacuated Ghazni and Gardez which guard routes southwest of Kabul, and guerrillas control the main road to Kandahar, the sources said.

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## Arab summit opens in Algiers

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.... Just like the Algerian revolution united Arabs, the Palestinian revolution on the occupied Palestinian soil is uniting our feelings. We stand behind the Palestinian cause until the restoration of the Palestinians' legitimate and national rights."

Hussein said he offered "a salute of pride" to the Palestinians.

"May God assist us in making the decisions that will consolidate your revolution as the path to liberation and dignity," he said.

### Rights

PLO leader Yasser Arafat listed at the opening session what he said were non-negotiable rights of the Palestinians.

These were the right of exiles to return to territories occupied by Israel, the right of self-determination and the right to set up an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital.

"Developments in the international situation depend to a large extent on what results from this conference of yours," Arafat told the Arab heads of state present.

### Consultations

The Arab leaders held intensive private consultations ahead of the summit after they started arriving in Algiers yesterday.

The heads of 17 out of 20 Arab states, as well as Arafat were at the opening. Iraq, Somalia and Oman were represented by senior officials.

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It is his first visit since the two countries broke off relations in 1973 over Algerian support for Polisario guerrillas fighting Morocco for the independence of the Western Sahara.

At the freshly painted Arashi Hotel, venue of the three-day emergency summit, Hussein and Arafat had their first meeting since the Arab summit in Amman last November.

A PLO source said it was "a very good meeting" but gave no details. Their talks in Amman were described at the time as cold and formal.

### Enhanced

Arafat, his prestige enhanced by Arab admiration for Palestinian resistance, Israeli occupation, and the peace talks with Egypt, traditionally the state which contributes most to PLO funds, PLO sources added.

Underground leaders of the uprising issued a statement today demanding that the summit sanction guerrilla attacks against Israel, a move opposed by states along Israel's borders such as Syria and Jordan.

"Arab borders with Israel should be opened for guerrilla struggle," an open letter said.

The appeal could embarrass Arab leaders here, brought together by Chadli Benjedid to co-ordinate Arab support for the uprising, which enters its seventh month on Thursday. More than 20 Palestinians have so far died in clashes with Israeli soldiers.

The task before the Arab leaders looked easier than expected today after a PLO spokesman hinted the organisation would not seek explicit rejection of the peace plan which the United States has tried to sell to the region.

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### Support

Arafat will ask the meeting to reiterate Arab support for an independent Palestinian state.

"Now Arab leaders are meeting to tell the world - both East and West - that Palestinians have the right to an independent state," Abu Sharif said last night.

Abu Sharif said Arafat would also seek Arab reaffirmation of the PLO's status as the authentic voice of the 1.2 million Palestinians living under Israeli occupation.

This would reverse the humiliation he suffered at the Arab summit when Arab leaders departed from normal practice by leaving the door open to a federal solution with Jordan.

### Hostage contacts

LONDON, June 7. (AP): The United States, Britain and West Germany have all initiated direct contacts with the Iranians in an effort to free their hostages in Lebanon, the Times of London reported today.

In a front-page story, the conservative daily quoted reliable Shiite and Sunni Muslim sources in Beirut as saying the United States opened talks with Iranian officials almost two months ago in the hope of finding a "legal" formula to secure the release of the American hostages.

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## KUWAIT ... GULF

# Sheikh Ibrahim in talks with Prince Hassan on agriculture

MAN, June 7. (KUNA) — Card Chairman and Director-General of the Kuwait Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah today met with Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan Bin Talal, in the presence of Jordanian Minister of Agriculture Marwan Al Hmoud, Kuwait Charge d'Affaires in Amman Fadhel Bu Saif and other ranking Jordanian officials.

### Pleased

Sheikh Ibrahim said, following an hour-long audience with Prince Hassan, that he relayed best wishes of HH the Amir of Kuwait and also that of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla to the Jordanian monarch and crown prince.

In a special statement to KUNA, he said that talks between the two sides tackled

bilateral relations in general and the agricultural sector in particular, in addition to discussing various spheres of joint Arab action.

Sheikh Ibrahim noted that the instructions given by Prince Hassan to him and to his fellow Jordanian Agriculture Minister stem from the feeling of the giant responsibilities shouldered by Jordan.

On his impressions on the Jordanian agricultural projects, he visited, Sheikh Ibrahim said that he was more than pleased, especially toward what he saw at the national centre for manufacturing pollens.

### Model

Speaking of Al Faisali nursery, he described it as "model and advanced," expressing hope that a similar nursery would be established in Kuwait.

Sheikh Ibrahim said that he and Minister Al Hmoud talked

### Contracts signed

STATE Minister for Housing Affairs, Nasser Abdulla Al Roudhan has signed a number of contracts with several local contractors costing a total of KD2.5 million.

The contracts include building of a number of service facilities in various parts of Kuwait.



A delegation of students from the eighth cultural course organized by Kuwait Workers Union visited Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) where they toured the agency's different sections and looked at work operations and services offered to subscribers.

## Kuwait very keen on protecting environment

IBRAHIM HADI, the director of the Department of Environmental Protection, has said that Kuwait pays great attention to environmental protection at a top level, pointing to the message sent to US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in December last year, in which HH the Amir stressed major environmental concerns of international consequence.

Hadi told a local newspaper that the Amir's message demonstrated a deep concern for the United Nations Environmental Programme entitled: "Protection of the Environment: a Pre-requisite to Continued Development and Progress".

Hadi reviewed the main future activities sponsored in Kuwait by the Council of Environmental Protection which included massive beach clean-up operations to be launched early next month. The successful execution of these activities requires increased public awareness of the environment and full co-operation in the national effort. To that end, he said that the council would organise symposia at youth cen-

tres, marine clubs and popular cafes, aimed at highlighting ways in which the public could contribute to the environmental campaigns.

### Radiation

Hadi went on to comment on the potential dangers to humans of consuming food which had been exposed to radiation in processing operations, claiming that food treated thus could cause poisoning or even account for the development of cancer. Radiation is a danger in itself, but since the irradiation process is designed to kill the bacteria which is responsible for natural decomposition, it also means that food that was previously no longer fit for human consumption is being given an extended shelf-life without any indication of its former unfit condition.

He praised the efforts exerted by international establishments emanating from the UN anti-nuclear activity programme at curbing the use of radiation in food processing operations.

Hadi noted that the efforts were timely in view of the fact that so many nations depended heavily on imported food products.

## Importance of summit stressed

BAHRAIN'S Information Minister Tariq Al Muayyid, in a press interview, has affirmed the importance of the emergency Arab summit to support the seven-month old Palestinian uprising.

Al Muayyid added, to a Kuwait weekly magazine to be published here next Friday, that the Palestinians had proved to the world that they are stronger than all Israeli suppressive measures and that they eventually should be given their legitimate rights.

The Bahraini minister urged Arab leaders participating in the

summit in Algiers, to back the struggle of Palestinians in the occupied lands till they restore their legitimate rights, to live with dignity on their national soil.

Talking about the Gulf conflict, he said it is high time that this war comes to an immediate end. Muayyid warned that this war serves the goals of enemies of Arab and Islamic nations.

He hailed, meanwhile, the Bahraini-Kuwaiti relations and reaffirmed his country's support to Kuwait against hostile campaigns and challenges.

## Cost analysis course opened

ABDUL LATIF AL MOBJEM, the assistant undersecretary for financial affairs at the Ministry of Public Health, yesterday opened a course on cost analysis for personnel in the financial affairs department, as part of the ministry's plan to optimise performance levels.

Al Mobjem delivered an opening speech in which he stressed that the course was intended to upgrade the functional performance of the participants and that the subject of the course was of prime importance since national budgeting, inventorying and final accounts needed efficient handling.

He emphasised the importance of a well-integrated data flow system to cost analysis, which he said was instrumental in determining optimum operation.

He laid particular stress on the efforts made to organise the course and urged all participants to make full use of it.

## Science club team in Tokyo

TOKYO, June 7. (KUNA): A delegation of the Kuwait Science Club today started meeting with senior officials in the Japanese academic institutes, a Kuwaiti embassy source said.

He added the four-member team, arriving here last Friday on a week long visit, will also confer with a number of Japanese government officials.

## Four years for stealing

THE criminal court sentenced a man to four years jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation for stealing KD77,530 worth of cosmetics belonging to a government establishment.

The accused was arrested by the police while he was trying to leave the country.

relatively small in number, yet remarkably active.

Regarding the country's internal security, he said that due to the shaky situation in the area, Egypt is taking all necessary precautions to shield itself against crime, topped by drug trafficking and terrorism, pointing out that a link was unveiled between religious factions in Egypt and Tehran.

## Egyptian force for haj security denied

EGYPTIAN Interior Minister Major General Zaki Badr has denied rumours that a special Egyptian task force will be sent to Saudi Arabia to help secure the safety of the upcoming haj season, particularly following the chaos created by some of the Iranian pilgrims last year, affirming, "we have absolute confidence in the Saudi security authorities."

Speaking of an Iranian plot to stir commotion in the Egyptian society, the interior minister said that all fingers point at Iran as the mastermind behind such troubles stressing that his country has always followed the Sunni sect of Islam.

In an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper published yesterday Major General Badr noted that there are several groups which dub themselves as an "Islamic group", saying that these "religious extremists" are

appropriate action, with a copy being sent to the applicant.

Travel bans, he said, would be withdrawn at the written request of the applicant or creditor, or, when the debtor had made all due payments, and the creditor failed to produce a document certifying that judicial or legal actions were pending against the person involved in pursuit of the payment within seven days from the date of issue.

In conclusion, he said that travel ban would be issued containing up to the fourth name of a person concerned including a photocopy of their passport to avoid confusion and the department was endeavouring to finalise the problem of identical names.

## Three years for adultery

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a woman charged with adultery to three years in jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation.

The court was informed that the woman's husband was out of the country on an extended travel and that she committed adultery intermittently over a period of one year which resulted in her giving birth to a baby boy.

Failure by the woman to have her baby delivered at the hospital caused a police investigation which revealed that the woman's co-accused adulterer had died shortly before the woman gave birth.

Kuwait's Criminal Court also sentenced a foreigner to seven years jail with hard labour to be followed by deportation for raping a young girl.

The victim was a neighbour of a friend of the accused whom he frequently visited. The accused befriended the girl by offering her sweets on different occasions and attempted to rape her.

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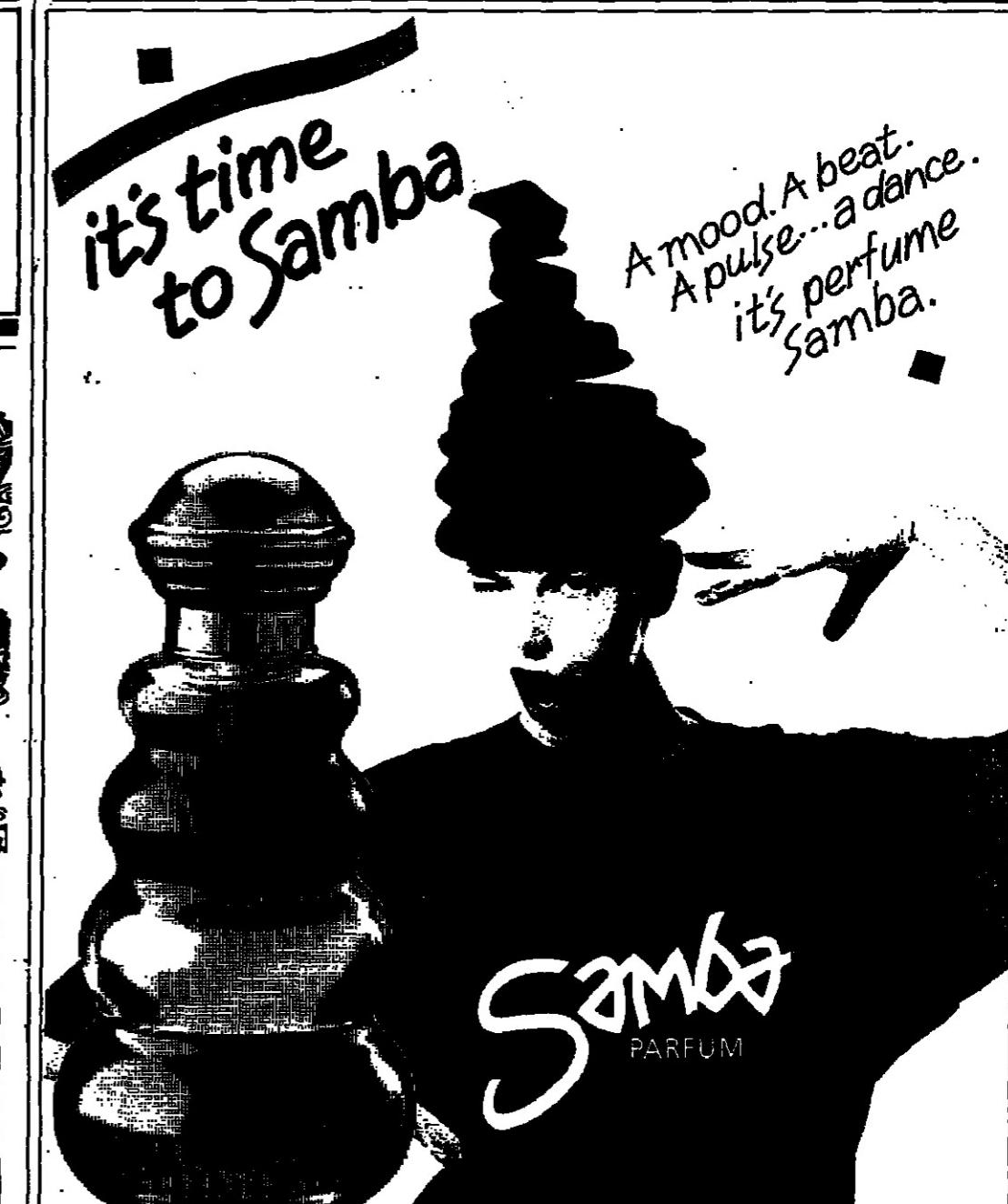
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## Oman's discreet Gulf diplomacy keeps doors open to all

MUSCAT, June 7. (Reuters) The Chinese commercial attache samples the prawn canapes, waiters weave between Saudi and American ambassadors, the Iranian charge d'affaires chats amiably with other diplomats.

This is the cocktail circuit Oman-style, a rare show of conviviality glossing over the tensions of a volatile region with a long history of hostility and a short fuse for diplomacy.

Here, rivals in the complex world of Middle East politics rub shoulders easily under the same roof.

Oman, dragged by the scruff of the neck into the 20th century by Sultan Qaboos Bin Said 18 years ago, is fast gaining a reputation for neutrality and political independence in a region scarred by the protracted Gulf war.

Sultan Qaboos, a 47-year-old absolute ruler trained at Sandhurst Military Academy in England, may be pro-Western and rely on a traditionally discreet and low-key link with Britain for the training of his armed forces.

**Balancing**

But unlike the leaders in most neighbouring Gulf states he has refused to side openly with Baghdad against Ayatollah Khomeini's Tehran regime and so far avoided being sucked into the conflict.

"It is a difficult and necessary balancing act," said one Western diplomat in Muscat. "And one the Omanis have so far done commendably well."

The balancing act is all the more difficult since it has been conducted from a position of economic weakness as oil earnings slide and has often meant going against opinion in the Arab world.

**Justified**

When Arab nations broke off relations with Egypt over the 1978 Camp David accords with Israel, Oman refused to follow suit.

Now Egypt has been readmitted to the mainstream Arab fold, Muscat officials see their original decision justified.

It is a necessary balancing act since Oman has to live with Iran, which has Silkworm missile sites less than 60 miles away across the Strait of Hormuz.

Oman's rugged Musandam peninsula just out into the narrow strip of water, dubbed by President Reagan as a "choke-point of freedom". One-sixth of the non-communist world's oil is shipped through the strait, scene

of countless attacks on merchant vessels by Iranian gunboats.

Diplomats said Oman was almost certainly embarrassed by a recent spate of Iranian raids on neutral shipping. But there has been no more than harsh words between the small Omani Navy which polices traffic in the waterway and the Iranians.

It was on Omani soil last September that 26 Iranian seamen who survived a US attack on their mine-laying boat were handed over for repatriation.

**Bridge**

When Saudi Arabia broke off relations with Iran in April, accusing Tehran of plotting disturbances at this year's pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, Oman adopted its traditional low profile.

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As if sensing further discord and the reluctance of Saudi Arabia to cut output if it would boost prices and help Iran, Oman has turned its back on production restraint and opened the oil taps wide to pump about 630,000 barrels per day.

That move sums up the tangible benefits to Oman of its non-aligned policies. As one oilman said: "It's like running with the hare and hunting with the hounds."

United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar.

But as one government adviser said: "His majesty will not attend a conference if he does not think it is worthwhile."

That independence shows through in Oman's oil policy, crucial for a nation which sees its economic fortunes rise and fall in line with volatile world prices.

It has not tied itself to restrictive production quotas by joining the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but has often cooperated closely with the 13-nation group.

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The Soviet ambassador stressed the necessity of activating the mediation efforts of the UN secretary-general.

Zverev said: "Contact with Iraq and Iran are made at the moment by the secretary-general. We think attention must be paid to this aspect."

"He also has at his disposal enough measures to try to implement resolution 598, for example he can send his special representative to Iraq and Iran."

On arms embargo, Zverev said: "The time has not come for such a resolution. The time is not ripe."

Further, it is not just enough to adopt such a resolution, it must be supplemented with necessary measures to make it effective.

"One such measure may be to introduce internal laws by each state prohibiting private companies to supply arms."

**Patience**

"During the war, the Soviet Union has never delivered any kind of weapons to Iran. In principle we do not reject the possibility of adopting such a resolution."

Saying that patience will bring its results in implementing 598, Zverev hinted that it may take some time to end the war.

In this regard he cited the Geneva agreement on Afghanistan. He said: "It took six years to sign the Geneva agreement. The special representative of the UN secretary-general, Diego Cor-

dove, displayed his patience during this time."

About Soviet mediation Zverev said: "We use our good relations with Iraq and to some extent with Iran, to persuade them to end the war by peaceful means."

An offshoot of the conflict is the "tanker war," in which both Iraq and Iran have attacked ships plying the Gulf. Even re-registered Kuwaiti tankers and American ships were affected. But so far only one Soviet tanker leased to Kuwait has hit a mine.

On whether Moscow has any agreements with Iraq and Iran for not attacking Soviet ships in the Gulf, the ambassador said:

"Let us just say we are lucky. But still, that luck is provided by the protection our naval ships in the Gulf provide to the merchant vessels."

The Soviets have five to six naval ships in the Gulf and they think "it is quite enough. We consider amassing huge Navies in the Gulf is not the way to prove security."

**Mideast**

Speaking on the results of the Moscow summit, Zverev said that Reagan and Gorbachev discussed the Mideast problem in all its aspects and there has been a rapprochement of views on the ways of solving the issue.

Both the leaders agree on the importance of an international conference to solve the dispute, the ambassador said.

The Soviets want such a conference to have full authority to solve all the problems.

Gorbachev on Monday renewed his appeal for a conference that would include the parties in dispute plus the five permanent members of the UN Security Council. But the US wants the

international conference to be a prelude to direct talks between Arabs and Israel.

The Soviet ambassador said:

"There must be an understanding that this conference should be plenipotentiary to solve all the questions. Within the framework of this conference,

bilateral, trilateral or multilateral talks may be held. But all of them must organically coexist in this conference."

### Representation

One sticking point about the conference has been the Palestinian representation. While the US and Israel are not ready to accept Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the conference, the Soviets insist that it is the right of the Palestinians to choose their own representative. The PLO is recognised by the Arab world as the representative of the Palestinians.

Zverev said: "In which form, the Palestinians will be represented is for them to decide.

Whether in a separate delegation, or in the form of a joint-Arab delegation — it is up to the Palestinians to fix."

"Palestinians must have equal rights at the conference."

In the conference, he said, the interests of all sides — Arabs and Israel — should be taken into account.

"On this basis all the Arab territories occupied by Israel must be returned, the Palestinians must be allowed the right to decide their own fate and Israel will have the right to peaceful coexistence with the other powers of the region."

The Soviet Union will be prepared to discuss the restoration of diplomatic relations with Israel, broken off in 1967, once the international conference on Mideast begins, Zverev said.

He added there are some points the Mideast peace plan proposed by US Secretary of State George Shultz that are acceptable and there are some "on which we have serious differences." Zverev did not elaborate.

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**Cash & Carry**

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**PLO man linked to Naji killing**

**REMEMBER**

**LONDON**, June 7. (Reuters) A suspected member of a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) group was linked in a British court today to the killing of an Arab political cartoonist in London last July.

Prosecutors said police suspected Abderrahman Mustapha of involvement in the murder of Naji Al Ali, a London-based cartoonist for the newspaper Al Qabas.

The allegation was made at the trial of Jordanian Ismael Hassan Sowan. He was accused in a London criminal court of possessing explosives and arms which police

said Mustapha, a long-time acquaintance, had left in his flat.

"It is difficult to resist the view that Mustapha is a dedicated terrorist," prosecutor John Nutting told the court. He was known as an active member of the PLO forces in the (Lebanon) war in 1982.

He said police believed that Mustapha belonged to Force 17, whose members serve as bodyguards to the PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Mustapha was not in court and police suspect he has fled the country.

In a raid on Sowan's home in northeast England, police found locked suitcases containing 66 pounds (30 kilos) of Czech-made explosives, detonators, fragmentation grenades, four assault rifles and more than 300 rounds of ammunition, Nutting said.

"The armaments represented the wherewithal to mount a sustained campaign of terrorism," he said, giving no further details.

Sowan, a college research assistant, denied the charges against him and told police he had not known the contents of the cases he was storing for Mustapha.

Nutting said Sowan first met Mustapha in Lebanon, while studying there.

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Chad Hissene Habre on the occasion of his country's National Day.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Optimism over Arab summit

All Kuwaiti dailies yesterday called on the Arab summit to give a big push to the heroic Palestinian uprising in the Israeli occupied land as a step toward solving the Palestinian cause as a whole.

Al Anba expressed optimism over the convening of the Arab summit in Algiers and hoped that the Arab leaders will "shoulder the historic responsibility during this current dangerous stage and that the Arab nation is passing through."

The newspaper pointed out that if the recent superpower summit was able to cover major strikes in international detente then the Arab summit should succeed in securing an Arab rapprochement.

"Arab reconciliation should be the goal of the summit," the paper called.

It stressed that the convening of the Arab summit, "after the waste of time, should now be translated into a real and practical support to the national uprising."

The paper also called on the Arab leaders not to ignore the Gulf war because "the current Iranian danger, which threatens the Arab nation, is not less than that of Israel."

The Kuwaiti daily also urged the summit to pressure Iran to make it "submit to peace."

It also noted that the Lebanese crisis should also be discussed because it needs firm Arab stance to end the destruction in Lebanon.

The paper noted that if the Arab leaders did not seize the opportunity of this summit to solve their national problems then "history and their nations will not forgive them."

Al Rai Al Aam asserted that the Palestinian cause is "alive and will not die," adding that "there is a generation that will remain holding stones until it restores its rights and identity."

The newspaper called on the Arab leaders to "take the appropriate measures to ensure political, economic, military and social support to the uprising" because this revolt is a preliminary step toward unity.

It also urged the summiters to submit the whole Palestinian cause for discussion and to take measures that will make the Palestinian uprising the path toward achieving a comprehensive and final solution to the Palestinian question.

"Al Qabus" called for an "urgent resolution" that supports the uprising, noting, however, that what really needs support "is the comprehensive national security."

The paper added that the fall of Palestine to the Israeli occupation, the Iranian aggression on Iraq and eruption of the Lebanese crisis were due to the absence of a strategic Arab national security.

"The strategy needs a political decision," the paper stressed, adding that this decision is "in the hands of our leaders who are currently meeting in Algiers."

The newspaper stressed that this emergency summit "should be unique by taking effective and strategic decisions."

Kuwaiti paper Al Watan wondered if the recent American peace initiative, carried recently to the Middle East by Secretary of State George Shultz, is to turn the Algerian summit to "softer" its decisions toward the Arab causes, against which the US adopts a negative stance.

The daily described Shultz's initiative as "dangerous and added: he wants to sell Security Council resolution 242 and 338 to the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

This plan does not even refer to right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, it added.

The American official, the paper went on, wants the Arab summit to be hesitant toward the uprising and toward the historic conflict between Israel and the Arabs.

The uprising has doomed to failure all the American initiatives at the international level, Al Watan said and hoped that it will do the same at the Arab level.

## GULF PRESS

### Arab leaders urged to adopt unified stance

GULF papers published yesterday urged Arab leaders to adopt a unified stance at the emergency Arab summit and to emerge with an action plan to tackle the critical issues of the Arab nation, notably the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The Dubai-based newspaper Al Bayan said the summit has a "distinguished role" since its convening coincides with new regional and international developments, such as the Palestinian uprising, the new US Middle East initiative and the current rapprochement between the Maghrib states.

"Before such developments the Arab leaders find themselves obliged to adopt a unified national stand at their summit, because Arab action will be ineffective if not based on a principled and firm basis," the paper said.

Al Bayan added "the six-month-old uprising in the occupied territories which spurred the convening of the Algiers summit meeting has proved itself capable of continuing its confrontation with Israeli suppression and weaponry."

The paper continued "our brothers who confront the occupation do not expect or expect the summit only to issue statements denouncing the enemy and blessing the uprising, because what is really needed for their uprising is a national and political backing and a joint programme of Arab action."

In conclusion, the paper said the Arabs are now able to anticipate the US moves in the Middle East and should not ignore their summit Washington's policies in the region.

Another daily, Al Wahda, said backing and supporting the Palestinian uprising gives Arab summit a great importance since it is convened to this effect.

Al Wahda, like other local dailies, called on the emergency Arab summit to adopt "effective and positive" decisions regarding the uprising and cautioned against continuing the efforts to back it by word.

"The world as a whole, except Israeli allies, has sympathised with the uprising, but what was the result... it was more Zionist terrorism and suppression," the paper added.

The Abu Dhabi-based Al Wahda said the summit must announce "firmly and boldly" the Arab stands towards US peace initiatives and Israeli inhuman practices.

The Dubai-based English language daily Khaleej Times said "the Arab viewpoint has already converged on the need to fully and firmly back the Palestinian uprising" at the summit meeting.

It said the task now should focus on "drawing up concrete measures to crystallise this support."

The paper noted that "significance had been added to the summit by the current Middle East tour of US Secretary of State George Shultz" who has unsuccessfully been trying to promote his own plan for Middle East peace.

**EVENTS****VIDEO CORNER**

# 'Maybe . . . you'd like to kill'

By Gail Seery

WHY is it that everybody in films these days drives a nice car? How come impoverished professors drive around imported, shiny two seaters? Back where I come from they are lucky if they drive around in anything at all. Also I'm not certain how an unpublished writer gets to be professor of a writing course. Throw *Moonstruck*, doesn't stand up to a thorough examination of the plot and its setting, but for all that it's well worked, a little weird, and very funny.

Billy Crystal last seen as Jodie in "Soap" plays Larry, who takes a writers' class. He has a major hang-up in that he once completed a book — and his wife stole it, had it published in her own name, and hit the bestseller list overnight. He hates her to distraction.

"So you want to kill her?" says Beth, his girlfriend. "In general, yes. Specifically, most definitely," he replies.

He is clearly set to continue with his writer's block indefinitely, until Owen, played by the brilliant Danny DeVito crosses his path.

Owen has great dreams of being a writer, and is amazed that Larry doesn't like his story, "Murder at my friend Harry's." "It was three pages long. It was a murder mystery 3

pages long. There was no big deal to finding the murderer," the professor tells him. "Well, what gave it away?" "You only had two characters, one of which was dead on page two. It wasn't motivated." "Yes it was," Owen argues; "the guy in the hat killed the other guy in the hat."

In an attempt to teach Owen about suspense, Larry suggests he goes to watch a Hitchcock film, not realising the effect it's going to have on Owen's decidedly strange brain.

Owen has other problems, and it is these which link him inexorably to Larry. Basically, he hates his mother. True, his mother is pretty revolting. He fantasises about killing her, but comes to realise he will never be able to do it himself.

When Larry talks about motive to him, he sees how much easier it would be if he killed Larry's wife, and Larry killed his mother.

Of course, once Larry's wife disappears, Larry immediately becomes the prime suspect, especially as his behaviour becomes so ridiculously unlikely. Owen shelters him from justice. "Owen, I'm not going to kill your mother!" "Just meet her," pleads Owen. "Maybe she'd be someone you'd like to kill."

This is not something that Larry can do, and he finds

Owen obtuse and annoying. "Guy kills my wife, and he can't even kill his own mother," he complains.

Finally Larry is roused to homicidal frenzy by Owen's mother, but typically comes worst out of the exchange, and finds himself in the hospital where, miraculously he recovers his ability to write.

Danny DeVito and Billy Crystal are well matched in this film. The whole thing is impressively put together, and very funny in places. Fans of Danny DeVito have told me that they did not think that this film was one of his best; if that is so then the other films must be outstanding.

## Struck by La Bella Luna

Cher and Nicholas Cage in *Moonstruck*

enhance the feeling of well-being. It is difficult not to endorse those who were awarded the two Oscars, as *Moonstruck* is one of the most agreeable films since a long time.

For reasons unknown, all this week's main releases are dominated by women. The *Whales of August* is one of those which dreamt up by Hollywood to make a last showcase for famous names of the cinema

(Henry Fonda and Geraldine Page) within the year. Whose turn this time?

A third release dominated by women is *Baja Oklahoma* starring Lesley Ann Warren and Peter Coyote. The story takes place in a honky-tonk Midwestern town where Warren grew up and still lives. Now in her late thirties, deserted by her husband, she lives with her 17 year old daughter and works as a barmaid, still hoping to make it big as a country and western songwriter. An old flame who once jilted her returns for the funeral of his father, and Warren is drawn to him in spite of herself. Her daughter elopes with a known drug dealer, and her latest compositions are turned down. Should she trust the old flame or not? Reading what I've just written it sounds like a very depressing film, but in fact there are a lot of lighthearted moments as most of the other regular customers at the bar are having affairs and getting caught, and for those who require a happy ending, I can reveal that once again, all's well that ends well.

If this was meant to be a scintillating performance by wonderful old actresses, then I for one was seriously disappointed. Bette Davis especially seems to be past it and some of her lines sounded like a child reciting poetry. However, the scenery is nice and the supporting roles (Price and Sothern) are well interpreted. Two similar films for ageing stars — *On Golden Pond* (banned) and *Trip to Bountiful*, were followed by the deaths of their principals

*Eat the Rich* is also available, and very amusing. *Bad Dreams* is a new story of the supernatural. Cynthia has finally awakened from the deep coma which has cocooned her from the world for over a decade. She is the sole survivor of a mass suicide which completely destroyed a spiritual community like Jonesville Guyana. To help her recall the events surrounding the tragedy, she is placed in a special clinic. But soon, even in those supposedly safe corridors, Cynthia is besieged by strange and horrifying visions of a past which has invaded her present. And it becomes all too clear that her worst nightmares are about to come true. Jennifer Rubin stars as Cynthia.

For those who like lots of blood, *The Last Shark* makes jaws look like a minnow, crime thriller fans should warm to *Blindsight* starring Harvey Keitel. Older children will enjoy Disney's *Wildlife Adventure* about a lone wolf. The *Legend of Lobo*, and youngsters of all ages can watch *The Best of Bugs Bunny and Friends*.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Finiti, Video Naut, Salmahi; and Video Club, Salmahi.

## Punjabis pay tribute to Raj Kapoor

THE Punjabi Cultural Society in Kuwait recently held a meeting to pay tribute to the late veteran Indian actor Raj Kapoor, described by them as the "greatest showman on earth." Kapoor, they said, was a son of Punjab and was "close to the hearts of Punjabis, at home and abroad." Raj Kapoor died earlier this month.

**Badeek Re-union**  
The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait-Badesik, will hold an Eid re-union and a cultural programme, with dinner, on Friday, June 10, at the Meridian's Banquet Hall. All Bangladeshi diploma engineers can take part. Tel: Altafur Rahman — 9015166; Ansar Ali — 4571603.

**Saez aur Awaz**  
An Indian music group presents "Geetion Bharati Sham", their second concert, at the IAC, Funaites, on Thursday, June 16, 8pm. For reservations phone 3985436 after 5pm.

**United Goons Centre**  
The UGC will hold their annual "Summer Bell '88" contest on August 11. The committee will host a gala event to mark the 10th anniversary of UGC.

**SPORTS**  
**PBAK Bowling Tournament**  
An eid reunion party for Bangladeshi engineers and architects will be held at Melsilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30am to 5pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 3pm.

**Kuwait Players Ball**  
Kuwait Players' "end of season ball" on Thursday, June 9, KD7 per person. For details phone 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

**Contact**  
The next meeting of the ladies information group, Contact, will be held on June 11, from 10 am, at the SAS Hotel. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 3949807; 4874513; 5383999.

**WHAT'S ON**

**ARTS**

**Boushahri Gallery**

Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanic

is open at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St., Salmiya, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm; until June 9.

**CINEMA**

**British Council**

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, a

film for children, will be shown at the British Council at 6 pm on June 15 and at 10.30 am on

June 16. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is just an old neglected car. Who could have guessed it has magical qualities? Approximate duration: 145 minutes.

**THEATRE**

**Sounds Great**

Sounds great, a pop-rock musical, will be performed at

Salmiya Cinema on June 10, 5pm and 8pm. The show will

feature Juke Box band with June Stevenson and Top Ranks with Adolf. Farewell appearance of Paul Fraser.

Introducing Walid Al Nimer who will dance to Michael Jackson's top hit "Bad".

Produced and directed by Ken Winston. Tickets — KD5. For

reservations ring 5740256/7; 5516991; 5758870.

**Pakistan Youth Association**

A mushaira will be held on

June 9 at the home of Asim Naushad in Salmiya. The former counsellor of Pakistan to

Kuwait, Abdul Haque, will preside. Chief guests are Ustad Qasim Amrohi and Ghulam Wali Sabri. For details phone 2410997; 3901806; 5621379.

**KLT**

KLT's musical Brigadoon

will be performed at 8.15 pm on June 8 and 9. Tickets — KD3;

children — KD2. For reservation ring 3983724.

**SOCIAL**

**D'Assisi Association**

The association will hold a

social-cum-entertainment evening on August 11 at Melsilah Beach Hotel. The event is

part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top

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in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30am to 5pm; Henry 3291909 am, 3717346 (pm) or Augustin 5746754 after 3pm.

**Eid Reunion**

The Philippines Bowlers

Association in Kuwait (PBAK)

will hold their bowling tournament for men's and women's

doubles on June 17, 24 and July 1 and 8, at the Holiday Inn hotel. The tournament will be

held from 6 pm to 10 pm. The

elimination rounds will be held

on June 17 and 24. The semi-

finals are on July 1 and the

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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

IT is easy to be wise after the event — English proverb.

## Kim Dae Jung learns to compromise

By Spencer Sherman

**SEOUL.** (UPI): In the weeks since fiery dissident Kim Dae Jung won the post of National Assembly opposition leader, a quiet metamorphosis has begun inside the man whose life's passion has been to rid South Korea of military rule.

His firebrand speeches, born out of 17 years of fighting repression, still stir fervent followers. But with the responsibility of power now in his hands, Kim is showing signs of learning the politics of compromise over confrontation.

Kim recently softened his attacks on President Roh Tae-Woo, gently criticised student activists and suggested delaying a parliamentary investigation of former President Chun Doo Hwan if that would spoil the atmosphere before the Olympics scheduled this autumn in Seoul.

In an interview with United Press International, Kim acknowledged that "the most difficult" time of his life began when he walked into the National Assembly building on May 30 for the first time in 17 years to lead the largest opposition party in the legislature.

On April 26, three opposition parties won enough seats to effectively control the National Assembly if they agree to mount a united front.

"It was easier to oppose," he said late last week of the years fighting a succession of authoritarian rulers excluding former generals Park Chung-Hee and Chun Doo Hwan.

### Support

Kim, who wields significant power as leader of the largest opposition party, also has reluctantly come to believe that his party must support Roh, a former general who won the presidency in December on the promise of democratic reform. Kim had previously called Roh an extension of military rule.

Kim said a fight was brewing between Roh and his former patron, Chun, who rose to the presidency through a 1979 military coup backed by Roh and other key generals.

"Chun is very disappointed in Roh," Kim said, because Roh has pressed ahead with his promise to promote reforms, including efforts to root out corruption and investigate

corrupt practices during Chun's seven years in power.

None of the investigations is now directed at Chun, although his wife has been mentioned as a target of future inquiry. But Roh could anger Chun and his supporters still in the military if he allows attention to focus on Chun, many analysts say.

We feel a need to support the Roh administration," Kim said.

Both Kim and Roh face problems from their opposing constituents... Roh for supporting democratic reform and Kim for appearing to concede to Roh's reforms by giving them time to work.

### Danger

Kim is in little danger of being called "Sakura," or Cherry Blossom — a negative label meaning someone who floats on the strongest wind — because of the many years he suffered in jail under threat of execution and in exile.

But his softened tone is already bringing criticism from some of his closest ideological allies in the struggle against military-backed rule.

Park Ki-Wan, another powerful dissident, attacked Kim indirectly Saturday during a speech before 500 students.

"It would be like postponing the surrender of a murderer you caught in your room after he killed one of your brothers," Park said of waiting to begin a probe of the 1980 Kwangju uprising, where dissidents say Chun and others ordered soldiers to fire on civilians, killing at least 191 by official count.

Some political analysts believe Kim would be the perfect negotiator between the ruling and opposition parties, just as an anti-Soviet hard-liner like Ronald Reagan could negotiate reductions in nuclear forces without losing his political base at home.

But hard-line opposition forces see negotiations with the ruling party as negotiating with the devil and their cry of "overthrow the military dictatorship" still fill the air at nearly daily protests.

Kim showed some irritation when asked how his traditional constituents react when they see him sitting down to negotiate with the ruling party and Roh.

"They don't understand what goes on behind the scenes," he said.

## Military, congress rift widens in Honduras

By David Brough

**TEGUCIGALPA.** (Reuter): A scandal sparked by a judge who has accused politicians of protecting drug-smugglers for bribes has provoked a growing rift between the Honduran military and congress, political analysts say.

"There is an atmosphere of suspicion and uncertainty in the country because people are not sure who is involved," said Manuel Acosta Bonilla, a senior politician in the opposition National Party.

One diplomat said the scandal had aggravated "long-standing distrust between Congress and the military."

Honduras has been the target of accusations in the US press this year that members of the military were engaged in drug-smuggling in a scandal that erupted last week, provincial judge Miguel Angel Izaguirre said he has evidence that politicians and court officials influenced court decisions to protect drug smugglers in exchange for bribes.

### Deny

The officials accused by Izaguirre, who include attorney general Ruben Zepeda, the head of congress, Carlos Montoya, and the president of the supreme court, Salmon Jimenez Castro, all deny the allegations, saying Izaguirre has no proof.

Izaguirre, who won publicity for ordering a series of arrests last year on the north coast that led to the discovery of a network of drug smugglers, made the accusations last week after the supreme court stripped him of his post as judge in the northern port city of Tela for violating judicial procedures.

Known as "Rambo" in the national press, he has posed for newspapers carrying a submachine-gun that he says he used to protect himself from possible revenge by drug smugglers.

Congressional deputy Nicolas

Efrain Diaz, a Christian Democrat, replied: "The action of the police has not been dealt with satisfactorily by the judicial authorities. The judicial power is subject to certain pressures that sometimes affect the independence of their decision-making." He did not elaborate.

Analysts said Honduran judges may be tempted to receive bribes because they earn low salaries and have limited prestige in Honduran society.

President Jose Azcuna is already facing widespread criticism from the military for condoning the extradition of suspected drug baron Juan Ramon Mata to the United States in April, analysts said.

By John P. Tarpey

**WASHINGTON:** As Palestinian youths battle Israeli soldiers in the streets of West Bank and Gaza Strip, a quiet, yet equally significant struggle is evolving. From the factories of Ramallah and Nablus to the markets of Hebron and Jericho, from the camps of Gaza to the farms of the Jordan Valley, Arab residents are fighting not only for their political rights, but for economic independence as well.

Their weapons are general strikes, boycotts of Israeli goods, and withheld tax payments.

Began somewhat haphazardly five months ago, the actions are now well coordinated and strictly observed. Israeli officials are responding with like measures: restrictions on the flow of foreign funds into the occupied territories, limits on bank transfers, punishment for Palestinians with outstanding taxes, and the forced opening of shuttered

shops.

Such economic actions point up an issue that will become increasingly important as efforts towards a settlement proceed. In 21 years of occupation, the Israeli and Palestinian economies have grown dependent of each other. But Israel has by far benefited the most. The West Bank and Gaza economies have grown subservient to Israel, which has exploited the territories as a cheap labour source and captive market while hindering economic development.

### Concessions

Israel cites security, political, and religious concerns in explaining its desire to hold on to the territories. Equally significant, however, are its economic incentives. Any successful solution to the conflict will have to include Israeli economic concessions to the Palestinians.

The occupation has been a fin-

## Uprising in West Bank and Gaza

# Palestinians battle for economic independence

ancial windfall to Israel, despite the costs of military and civil administration. More than a third of the West Bank and Gaza labour force — some 108,000 workers — work at menial jobs within Israel, earning about half what Israelis in the same jobs receive. Their low-cost labour is crucial to the construction and textile industries, as well as to agriculture. The government deducts about 30 percent of their wages for taxes and social security, but since they are not Israeli citizens, the Palestinians receive few benefits. Most of the deductions go directly into the national treasury in what Israeli researcher Meron Benvenisti calls an "occupation tax." This tax, since 1967, has reached more than \$800 million.

Israeli officials contend that

some of this money is spent on improving the "quality of life" for Palestinians in the occupied territories, and cite construction of schools, roads, hospitals, and sewage systems. But little of the money is spent on the 1.5 million Arabs in the occupied territories. Most of it — more than \$2 billion since 1967 — is geared toward Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, with a population of 65,000. In effect, Palestinians have been subsidising Israeli settlement on Arab land.

### Exports

The occupation has also helped Israeli industry. The territories are Israel's second-biggest export market after the United States, accounting for more than \$800 million in exports each year and providing a steady source of foreign exchange. Palestinians are a captive market, since they have limited access to imports other than through Israel. Government-subsidised goods flow in from Israel with little regulation, undercutting local production and inhibiting development.

Indeed, competition from the

occupied territories has been all but outlawed by Israel. Annual exports from the West Bank and Gaza to Israel total only about \$350 million, and most of those are low-cost items subcontracted from Israeli firms. Industrial products that compete with Israeli production are banned, as are all but a few agricultural products. Manufacturing and construction permits, as well as export licenses, are granted or denied arbitrarily. Farmers have seen their land confiscated and their water rights denied.

### Confiscated

Since 1967, Israel has confiscated about 52 per cent of the land in the West Bank, usually citing security reasons. Now much of that land — more than half of the fertile Jordan Valley — is under Israeli cultivation. More than a third of available West Bank water is diverted to Israeli settlements. Arabs are usually forbidden to drill new

holes; many old ones have dried up. The Army has destroyed many Arab water pumps and bulldozed a dozen irrigation canals. Such measures have crippled much of the traditional agricultural economy of the West Bank.

At the same time, Israel has "made the desert bloom." But at what cost to the Arabs who have been farming the same land for generations? Israel has achieved an impressive economic recovery in recent years and brought rampant inflation under control, and now boasts thriving industries. But at what cost to a potentially prosperous people who have been reduced to economic serfdom?

Such costs to the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupied territories must be acknowledged and rectified. Only then will an equitable and lasting peace be possible.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

## Politics often decides the choice of a running mate

By Donald M. Rothberg

**WASHINGTON:** (AP): George Bush isn't likely to forget that night in July 1980, when his hopes of being the Republican vice-presidential nominee were dashed and then suddenly restored. It was a night certain to have a profound impact on how Bush goes about filling the No. 2 spot on the 1988 GOP ticket.

Michael Dukakis was only an observer of the long process that led Walter F. Mondale to the historic decision to fill out the 1984 Democratic ticket with a woman. But the impression that process created and the impact of disclosures about the dealings of Geraldine Ferraro's husband are equally certain to affect how Dukakis chooses a running mate.

The selection of a running mate is often described as the most important decision a presidential nominee makes.

And Dukakis has followed tradition by declaring that his choice will be dictated by his wife's qualifications to serve as president if something should happen to him.

### Elected

Thirteen vice-presidents eventually moved to the top office — eight of them upon the death of the president. Four were later elected president, though only one, Martin Van Buren, was elected while serving as vice-president. One vice-president, Gerald R. Ford, gained the presidency when the incumbent, Richard M. Nixon, was forced to resign.

Despite the fact that nearly one-third of presidents first served as vice-president, the No. 2 spot on the ticket historically has gone to someone chosen at the last possible moment for reasons based far more on politics than qualifications.

According to Robert F. Kennedy, Texas Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson was an accidental choice to be John F. Kennedy's running mate in 1960.

"Well you tell him if he wants to break up the Democratic Party in the middle of war, that's his responsibility," said Roosevelt, who then hung up.

"No, he's the contrariest Mis-

souri mule I've ever dealt with," replied Hennigan.

"Well you tell him if he wants to break up the Democratic Party in the middle of war, that's his responsibility," said Roosevelt, who then hung up.

"I'll have to say yes," Truman told Hennigan.

Eighty-three days after taking office as vice-president, Truman succeeded to the presidency.

Ford was the first vice-president to attain that office under the more deliberative process of the 25th amendment.

Then, after he succeeded Nixon, Ford named Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York as his vice-president. Rockefeller won out over a little-known Texan named George Bush.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter settled on Minnesota Sen. Mondale.

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# The great flamingo caper

By Kathy Cuddihy

WITH tongue planted firmly in cheek, this writer brings you the following scoop on a current compound caper.

Under cover of darkness, a person or persons unknown committed the dastardly deed of kidnapping (or birdnapping?) two large, pink, plastic flamingos from the front garden of a prominent compound resident, Ms Mimi Cousart. This might have looked upon as a practical joke except for the dramatic and sinister overtones of the chillingly worded ransom note taped to Ms Cousart's front door:

"If you want to see your [eagle, duckling, swan, Kentucky Fried Chicken] (these four familiar strains of flamingo were subsequently crossed out when the perpetrator(s) found the correct word) flamingo ever again, please leave four bags of Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies in front of the water-tower by Sunday. Or else. We mean business."

Who could be capable of such cruelty? Mimi searched for clues in the ransom note. "Oreo Chocolate Sandwich Cookies?" Who on earth eats Oreos? Most self-respecting adults indulge in fancy French pastries ... or dumpling donuts. Surely only kids eat Oreos. That's it! Some rotten kid has done this. But wait. Whoever did the ransom note had specifically taken the time to cut out letters to form the word "Please." "No kid would think of saying 'please' under normal circumstances, let alone in a kidnap caper. It had to be an adult. A well-mannered but unscrupulous, childish adult with unchecked cravings for Oreo cookies.

Mimi mentally reviewed the psychological profiles of her compound acquaintances. Quickly she was able to narrow the number of shady suspects down to fourteen



fishy friends.

Fourteen! With only four days until the deadline, that was far too many possibilities. Mimi decided to concentrate some of her energy on trying to get the ransom together. Four bags of Oreos! Who would have supplies like that just lying around the house? Frantically, Mimi searched supermarket shelves, canvassed non-suspect friends, and even begged commissary officials. All to no avail. Everyone told her that Oreos had been unavailable for some time. No wonder the desperados were desperate. They were probably suffering withdrawal symptoms.

Then events turned particularly nasty. A distraught Mimi received a distressing photo showing a

pair of surgically-gloved hands around the nervous necks of her beloved birds. Their plastic pupils were popping in fear. Their spindly, stainless steel legs wobbled with worry.

Despite the severe strain she was suffering, Ms Cousart kindly allowed me a brief interview. "This foul deed (pardon the pun) is an affront to my glorious Florida heritage. Plastic pink flamingos are the ultimate in what can be termed 'Florida tacky'. In case you don't know what 'tacky' is, it means 'tacky' as in polyester leisure suits, wearing your hair in curlers when grocery shopping, watching professional wrestling and believing it's real, wearing white go-go boots with a short calico dress while popping

gum, and collecting souvenir ashtrays."

"If anyone thinks I am going to take all this without a squawk (sorry about all these puns, but I'm in a bit of a flap — oops!) he's sadly mistaken. Push me too far and I will go for the ultimate revenge: every known suspect will find flamingos embedded in concrete in their gardens." At this point, Mimi became emotionally overwhelmed and had to discontinue the interview.

In a last-ditch effort to save her favourite fowls, Mimi placed an ad on the compound's closed circuit TV.

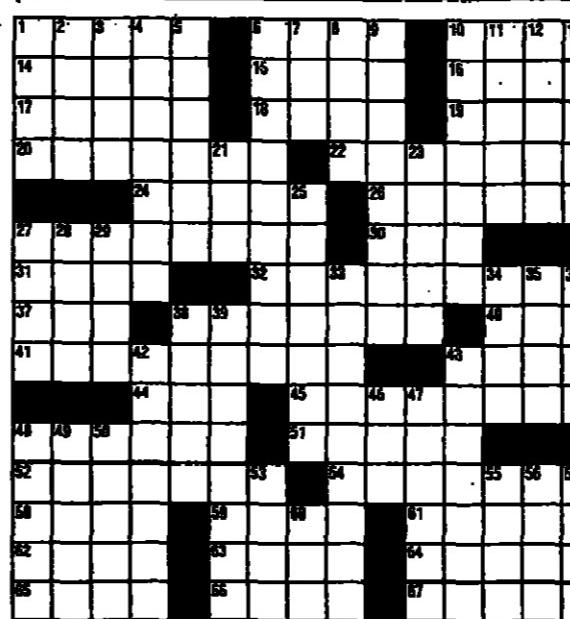
"Reward offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the pink flamingo kidnappers."

With the compound in such a commotion, the perpetrator evidently felt pressured. Mysteriously, without any warning the fake Florida flamingos reappeared in Mimi's front garden. Although cowed into reneging on his evil intentions, the offender committed a final act of spite by humiliating the beleaguered birds: scarves draped their gawky but graceful necks, vertically placed headbands wrapped their plastic pates, sunglasses shaded their sightless eyes, leg warmers disguised the wire-like thinness of their wiry legs, and polka-dot underpants hid their ruffled feathers.

Ms Cousart is, of course, wounded by this unforgivable display of shoddy insensitivity, but is nevertheless thankful that her birds are back.

In a praiseworthy show of concern for the rest of the community, Ms Cousart voiced the following warning: "It is vital that we catch this culprit. Otherwise, how can we guarantee the safety of such all-time favourites as garden gnomes, white-washed tired filled with flowers, grazing plastic reindeer, synthetic squirrels..."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**  
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6 Town in Galilee  
10 Small carriage  
14 Precursor of the violin  
15 Field: Lat.  
16 Rhine feeder  
17 Disconcert  
18 Take ten  
19 Urs: — 18"  
20 More shadowy  
22 Places of worship  
24 Sprout  
26 Carson's — Spring  
27 Liberator  
30 Chemical ending  
31 Not the real thing: Abb.  
32 Time of youthful inexperience  
37 Ship-shaped clock  
38 Namesakes of Delilah's victim  
40 New Guinea town  
41 It's thrust on some  
43 Wagon  
44 Land east of Eden  
45 Spotted felines  
48 Mrs. — Chicago barn owner  
51 Glacial ridge

**DOWN**  
52 Amass  
54 Hermes' winged sandals  
56 Inner: Comb. form  
59 Flying prefix  
61 Sour  
62 Excited  
63 Premeditate  
64 Biblical spy  
65 Singer  
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67 "Family Ties" mom  
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**SOUNDS**  
23 Intellects  
25 Karen of "Little House."  
27 Author Lardner  
28 Cuchulain's wife  
29 — With Father  
33 Becomes limp  
34 Winglike  
35 Place to play  
36 Decides on a time  
38 Preserve  
39 Comic strip Cockney  
42 Certain computers  
43 Reddish-brown nocturnal cat  
45 Wood sorrel  
47 Buckingham —  
48 Vast expense  
49 Ars., vita brevis  
50 Singer — John  
53 Anatomical tissue  
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56 Angers  
57 French cleric  
60 Jogged  
21 Hesitant

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

BEAT THE BREAKS

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

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♥ A 6 2

♦ A 10 8 4 3

♣ A

**WEST**

♦ 5

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♦ Q J 9

♣ K Q J 9 6 2 ♠ 8 7 5 3

**EAST**

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♥ J 10 8 5 4

♦ Void

♣ K Q J 9 6 2 ♠ 8 7 5 3

**SOUTH**

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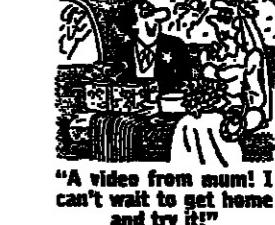
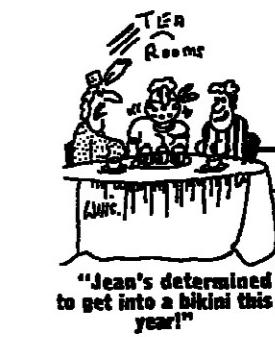
Opening lead: King of ♡

Preemptive bidding is a two-edged sword. Sometimes you will manage to jockey the opponents into a terrible contract by your tactics. Once in while, though, you will keep them out of an odds-on venture that can be defeated because of the distributional quirks of the hand.

Looking only at the North-South hands, a grand slam in diamonds is an excellent proposition. It needs only a 2-1 trump split and either a 3-2 spade division or finding West with the long spades if the jack isn't singleton. However, East-West were very busy in the auction. South

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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7 Generation		
8 — egg		
9 Kind of well		
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12 Over the Rainbow		
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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

## THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The amount of material in question is quite irrelevant because such a small amount is used anyway," Gove said.

The strip cut off last month

and divided into three weighed

about 150 milligrams and

measured one centimetre

(about half an inch) by seven

centimetres (three inches).

Gove said the more

laboratories were used the less

danger there was of a so-called

'outlier' result — which dif-

fered vastly from the others.

Gove said the three

laboratories would know

which of the pieces they

received came from the shroud

because its weave was very

distinct. He said the cloth should

not be allowed to unravel.

Dr Henry Gove of the US

University of Rochester, one of

the excluded institutions, said

in an interview that the ration-

ale behind the decision was

'judicious' and the limitation

would make the results less

credible.

The laboratories testing the

shroud — the universities of

Arizona and Oxford and the

Swiss Federal Institute of Tech-

nology in Zurich — were also

given control specimens of

cloth known to be from the

first, 11th and 14th centuries,

but neither they nor the shroud

pieces were identified.

The specimens were

provided by the British

Museum, which is coordinating

the results of the tests.

Professor Garman Harbo-

tte of the Brookhaven National

Laboratory in Upton, New

York, said the three laboratory

choice "does not seem capable

of producing a result that will

meet the test of credibility and

scientific rigour."

Gonella, a Turin University

professor and scientific adviser

to Cardinal Ballestro, said the

laboratories were chosen on the

criteria of how much material

they needed for their tests and

the volume of carbon dating

they normally handled.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Reagan calls for removal of controls on gas prices

WASHINGTON, June 7. (Reuters): President Ronald Reagan said here yesterday that he favoured removing all remaining controls on prices of natural gas.

Congress should remove the controls as soon as possible," he told the world gas conference of the International Gas Union.

Higher natural gas prices were bound to encourage more exploration for and production of gas, the President said.

Deregulation of natural gas prices began in 1983, but much of the US older supplies of gas remained under price controls, limiting producers' profit and resulting in the gas industry suffering from low prices.

According to Reagan, the US could significantly reduce dependence on foreign oil by making greater use of its natural gas reserves.

## US productivity up

WASHINGTON, June 7. (Reuters): Productivity of American industry increased at a revised annual rate of 3.6 per cent in the first three months of this year, the Labour Department said yesterday.

Previously, the Department had said productivity, a key measure of US economic efficiency, had moved ahead by 0.9 per cent in the period.

### Revisions

The Department said the revisions often makes to reflect additional information were larger than usual because of changes in the Gross National Product measures.

The first quarter revision was for the non-farm sector, which includes employees, proprietors and unpaid family workers.

During the fourth quarter of last year, productivity declined 1.0 per cent.

Hourly compensation of workers in the non-farm sector rose by 3.4 per cent in the first quarter, but when inflation was taken into account, compensa-

## Housing boom and rise in government spending coming to an end

## Japan's economic growth slows dramatically

TOKYO, June 7. (Reuters): Japan's economic growth is slowing dramatically, but the expansion still looks strong enough to continue into next year, government and private economists said today.

After rising at a heady pace of around 10 per cent in the first quarter, growth looks set to slow well under half that level in the current three months, they said.

### Negative

"We might even have a quarter of negative growth, or growth close to zero (on a quarter-on-quarter basis)," said economist David Pike of brokers UBS Phillips and Drew.

That is worrying for Japan's trade partners, who are increasingly looking to Tokyo to replace Washington as the locomotive for global economic growth.

Japan's economic growth is slowing because both the hous-

ing boom and the rapid rise in government construction spending is coming to an end, economists said.

But their place is being taken by stepped-up corporate spending on plant and equipment and by personal consumption, ensuring a continuation of the recovery into next year, they said.

### Upwing

But he said he was not worried, because growth in the first quarter was too rapid and might have led to inflation if that heady pace had been maintained.

"It means we don't have to worry about overheating of the economy," he said.

He and other economists said they saw no reason why the expansion could not continue into 1989, although at a slower pace.

Sometime next year, though, the current upswing could come to an end, unless the government

acts to keep it going by pumping more money into the economy.

Economists said such action could prove vital for the health of the world economy if the United States suffered a recession next year, as many here expect.

Meanwhile, in Washington, a set of figures compiled by the Central Intelligence Agency illustrates how brilliantly the economy of Japan has performed in the 1980s compared with those of the United States and Western Europe.

### Growth

In dealing with unemployment, inflation, production and foreign trade, Japan outshines the others, even successful West Germany. The yen's value has zoomed up at the same time that Japanese interest rates have fallen gently down.

The CIA makes no comment on its information. Its Directorate of Intelligence issues a thin

pamphlet every two weeks called "Economics" and "Energy Indicators." It contains only bland-looking tables of figures and no analysis, but the latest issue summarises figures in the 1980s.

### Unemployment

"Japanese success goes back to the end of World War II and it's due to a combination of things," commented Jeffrey J. Schott of the private Institute for International Economics.

"There's readiness to adjust to changing circumstances — they're shifting now from exports to production for home use. There's cooperative labour and management practices. And there's just hard work. They're all interrelated."

Japanese unemployment was a little above two per cent at the start of the decade. It has crept up a bit but never reached three per cent.

## World Business Summary

## Australian commission says Bond bids for Bell

SYDNEY, June 7. (Reuters): Australian millionaire Alan Bond has made a 2.70 dollar (\$2.1) a share bid for the Bell Group of Corporate Raider Robert Holmes A Court, Australia's Securities Commission said yesterday. Ray Schoer, executive director of the National Companies and Securities Commission, said Bond had agreed to make a cash bid for all Bell Group shares except 20 per cent held by the West Australian State Government Insurance Commission (SGIC). The bid, triggered by a securities commission inquiry into Bell Group share dealings, values Holmes A Court's company at about \$70 million dollars (\$700 million). Bond already owns 20 per cent of Bell Group, having paid 2.70 dollars (\$2.1) a share for the stake in April. If the latest bid is successful it will deliver to Bond control of Bell Group's prize asset, Bell Resources (BRL). Holmes A Court told shareholders at the annual meeting last Tuesday that the once formidable BRL had lost momentum and he expected to step aside. Bell Group controls 44.7 per cent of BRL and Bond has control of another 6.89 per cent through its Hong Kong listed Offshoot Bond Corp International.

## First Chinese auction on antiques finds few bidders

BELING, June 7. (AP): Beijing's first large-scale auction of antiques ended on Friday with overpriced items going once, going twice and gone back to the warehouse. Of 33 antiques valued at \$270,000 that were put on sale, only three of the cheapest items, bought by a Japanese businessman and his friends for \$2,168, attracted bids. "We'd buy if the prices were reasonable," said a Hong Kong businessman who left before the show ended. "But the prices are too high. They don't know how to auction. They're starting far too high." More than 400 people, including about 40 foreigners, attended the auction sponsored by the Beijing Auction Market, a state-run organisation obtaining most of its goods from antique stores. The Auction Market debuted last month with a little-publicised sale of less expensive items that garnered \$27,400. Friday's auction, which the sponsors said was the capital's first large-scale official sale of antiques, attracted more attention, bringing in diplomats, foreign businessmen and their spouses looking for bargains.

## Gulfamerica symposium on trade opens

## Business opportunities opening up in Gulf

HOUSTON, June 7. (UPI): Commercial opportunities are opening up in the Gulf states, particularly for consumer products and services, the president of the National US-Arab Chamber of Commerce said yesterday.

Jean Abizader of the Washington-based group made the remarks in a panel discussion during the opening day of the three-day Gulfamerica symposium on trade.

The productivity increase is closely watched by economists since it measures, in part, how well the United States is doing in competing with its trading partners.

It is generally viewed that the United States has lagged behind in productivity, making it more expensive to manufacture goods that must compete in price on global markets.

More than 20 trade missions between the United States and the Arab Gulf region are slated for 1988-1989, Abizader said. The driving forces in Arab states have switched from import substitution

which traditionally controlled developing business activity, to the private sector.

"Business is definitely up. The opportunities are up," for American investment in Arab Gulf states, he said.

"But there's a flip side to that. Because of the decline in the

dollar, because of the collapse of the stock market in Kuwait and because of the collapse of the United States stock market, there's been a real decline in Arab investment in the United States."

United States exports to the region declined from \$12.5 billion in 1982 to \$5.5 billion in

1986. Agriculture exports account for about \$700 million annually.

The conference is sponsored by the Attiyeh Foundation, a non-profit organisation founded in 1980 by former Peace Corp volunteers to introduce Arab cultures to Americans.



## 1988 OPEC & HEDGES Management Challenge — The Future of Oil Prices in the Future

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## W. German utility to buy Deutsche Texaco

ESSEN, West Germany, June 7. (Reuters): West Germany's largest power company said yesterday it will buy Texaco Inc's German operations for \$1.23 billion.

Rheinisch-Westfälisches Elektrizitätswerk (RWE) management board chairman Friedhelm Gieseke told reporters that Texaco's directors and his firm had agreed on that price.

Texaco aims to sell \$5 billion of assets in a major restructuring. US investor Carl Icahn who is bidding \$14.57 billion to take over the American oil giant says he wants an even wider reorganisation of the company.

Icahn already owns nearly 15 percent of Texaco.

Last month, Texaco confirmed that as part of its restructuring it was in talks to sell Deutsche Texaco AG, which produces oil and natural gas and has a chain of 1,903 petrol stations in West

### Germany.

Texaco has said it aims to sell oil refining and marketing assets in the United States and in Europe.

Icahn, meanwhile, has said he wants to sell two key Texaco assets if he takes over the company, one of the world's biggest oil producers.

### Interest

He would put the company's majority interest in Texaco Canada and its Caltex up for sale.

Texaco officials have said their plan to sell \$5 billion of assets were not made in response to Icahn's bid or to any perceived takeover threat.

The US oil giant has been reorganising under chapter XI of the US bankruptcy code since last April.

Its feud with another American oil company, Pennzoil

Co, over Texaco's 1984 acquisition of Getty Oil Co, led Texaco to file for chapter XI bankruptcy.

On April 7, Texaco paid Pennzoil Co \$3 billion to settle the longstanding dispute.

Meanwhile, the sale of Deutsche Texaco should mean a major change in the West German energy market.

RWE's Gieseke estimated that the acquisition, and the merger of Deutsche Texaco with his own company's existing oil and chemicals business, would give RWE just under 14 per cent of West German oil refining capacity, or 12 million tonnes a year (240,000 barrels a day).

He said RWE was talking about the possibility of selling an interest in Deutsche Texaco to Norwegian state-owned oil company Den Norske Stats Oljeselskab A/S, a major North Sea producer.

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## LONDON AND STOCKS

## EUROPEAN (BRIEF STOCKS)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	201/0	JAGUAR	268.0	LABROK	432/0	LAND SEC'S	580/0	LAPORTE	403/0
ABBEY LFE	308.0	LEGAL+GEN	86.11	1ST CHARL	12/4	13/0					
ADT LTD	120.0	LONRINO	245/0	2ND ALLCE	705/0	705/0					
ALD LYONS	422.0	LUCAS IND	512.0	A.B. ELECT	413/0	413/0					
AMSTRAD	183.0	MAGNET	250.0	A.S.W NEW	155/0	155/0					
ARGYLL GP	185.0	MARKS+SP	171/0	AAH HLD	276/0	276/0					
ASDA GP	54.84	MCKELL C	226/0	AARONSON	117/0	118/0					
BAA	282/0	METAL BOX	205/0	ACRE OIL	217/0	220.0					
BTR	268/0	MEPC	547/0	ADDISON	40/0	41/0					
BAT IND'S	438/0	MIDLAND BK	426/0	ADWEST	352/4	355/0					
BARCLAYS	405.0	NEXT	262/0	ALEX WRKJ	178/0	178/0					
BASS	202/0	NTR FOODS	291.0	ALEXON	395/0	397/0					
BEAVER	177.0	P & O DFD	585/0	ALD COLL	135/0	135/0					
BEEMACH	478/0	PEARL	494.5	ALL PLNT	51/0	51/0					
BERISFORD	37.00	PEARSON	710.0	ALLIANCE	788/0	790/0					
BICC PLC	327/0	PILKINGTON	200/0	AMARI	248.0	251.0					
BLUE ARRI	15.00	PLESSEY	156.0	AMEC	376/0	376/0					
BLUE CIR	416.0	PRUDENTIAL	163/0	AMER TRST	122/0	122/0					
BOC GP	396.0	RACAL	313.0	AMERSHAM	460/0	460/0					
BOOTS CO	217.0	RANK HVIS	364.0	ANI HLTHC	260/0	260/0					
BPI IND'S	282/0	RANK ORG	710/0	ANGLO O'S	204/0	204/0					
BR COMM	260.0	RICKIT+C	865/0	APPLEARD	349/0	440/0					
BR AIRWAY	142.0	REDLAND	407/0	APRITCO	100/0	101/0					
BR AEROS	00.95	REEF	427.0	APV PLC	112/0	112/0					
BR GAS RC	171/0	RYL BK SC	54.64	AQUAS.A.	87/0	88/0					
B.P.	265/0	RYC GRP	474.0	ARM ENGY	79/0	79/0					
B.P.+NEW	70.0	REUTERS	499/0	ARCHER AJ	154/0	155/0					
BR TELCOR	240/0	RTZ CORP	435.0	ARLINGTON	205/0	206/0					
BRITOL	510/0	ROLLS ROY	121/0	ARMSTRONG	126/0	126/0					
BUNZL	138/0	ROTHERM B	440/0	ASHLEY LA	120/0	120/0					
BURMAN OL	547/0	ROTHMERE	057/0	ATTWOODS	303/0	303/0					
BURTON	227/0	ROYAL INS	400/0	AUS REE A	281/0	280/0					
CABLESBUR	355/0	SAAATCHI	388.0	AUST REED	383/0	380/0					
CADBURY'S	398/0	SAINSBURY	213/0	B.MERRELL	166/0	166/0					
CAOTS VIY	230.0	SCOT+NEW	311.0	BAILL SH	85/0	85/0					
COMM UNI	373.0	SEARS	119/0	BANK IRE	203/0	202/0					
CONS GOLD	045/0	SEDGWICK	28.00	BARKER DO	142/0	142/0					
COOKSONS	264/0	SELL	055.0	BART DEV	177/0	178/0					
COURTAULD	35.00	SMITH IND	236.0	BAYNES C.	26/4	27/4					
DALGETY	323.0	SMITH-NIEPH	115.0	BENJAMIN	170/0	170/0					
DEE CP	186/0	STC	256.0	BELMAYER	45/0	46/0					
DIXON	176.0	STORENZE	248.0	BELLARY	264/0	266/0					
ENG CHINA	438.0	SUN ALLIA	916/0	BENLIX RD	59/0	59/0					
ENTER OIL	447.0	TARNAC	243/0	BENTALLS	186/0	187/0					
FKI BABCK	27.21	TATEBELLY	789.0	DE LA RUE	384/0	385/0					
FERRANTI	81.0	TESCO	47.51	DELTA GRP	304/0	306/0					
GEM ACCID	889.0	THORN EM	637/4	DIPLOMA	217/0	217/0					
GEN ELEC	145/0	TRAF HSE	300/0	DRAFTON C	428/0	430/0					
GLAZO	920/0	TSB	104.5	DUBRUD GL	398/0	398/0					
GRANADA	312/0	T + N	166.0	DURKWOOD	53/0	53/0					
GLOBE	136/0	TRUSTISE	241.0	BLACK LE 2	17/6	17/4					
GLYNMED	440/0	ULTRAMAR	298.0	DURES EST	31/4	31/0					
GRAND MET	512/0	UNILEVER	462/4	BOASE M	276/0	276/0					
GUARD RYL	87/4	UNIGATE	313.0	BODDINGTON	152/0	151/0					
GOI	308/0	UTB BISC	300.0	BODY SHOP	609/0	605/0					
GUINNESS	335.0	UTD NSPR	406/0	BOOKER	397/0	397/0					
HINNSER A	610/0	WELLCOME	535/0	BORTHWICK	59/0	60/0					
HANSON	133/0	WHITEBIRD	297.0	BOHATER	376/0	376/0					
HAKER SID	500/0	WILLIAMS	285.0	BOATHORPE	161/0	161/0					
HILLSDON	272/0	WILLIS FB	257.0	BR ASSETS	65/4	65/4					
ICI	012/0	WIMPEY GE	241/0	BR DREDGI	147/0	148/0					
INI	195/0	WOOLWORTH	07.93	BL LARD	325/0	323/0					

### World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1445.1	1452.8	1444.4	1386.7
FT 500 SHR	1032.5	1032.5	1025.5	984.4
FT ALL SHR	944.69	944.69	938.84	896.75
FT GOV SEC	89.62	89.62	89.43	91.03
FT GOLD MN	234.3	234.3	232.1	257.3
FT MINES+F	539.41	539.41	529.74	432.96
FT GIL	1858.4	1858.4	1848.8	1788.7
FT MLD DLR	129.98	129.18	128.47	128.44
FT MLD STG	106.91	106.68	105.82	101.83
FT MLD LOC	114.75	114.02	113.64	112.29
				99.08

### London Stock Market Report

**SHARES NEAR DAY'S LOWS IN DULL LONDON AFTERNOON**  
 LONDON, JUNE 7, Reuter - Shares drifted down to trade close to their lows in a sluggish afternoon business after an early retreat on Wall Street today, dealers said. By 1421 GMT the FTSE 100 was down 12.9 to 1,819.8, after the day's low of 1,818.4. Prices had risen early on, extending Monday's late rally. The FTSE 100 rose to the day's high of 1,839.9 within minutes of the opening. Dealers said it was noteworthy that the FTSE 100 seemed to be finding upside resistance at the 1,840 level.  
**DEALERS REPORTED A COUPLE OF PROGRAMMED TRADES TODAY WHICH THEY SUGGESTED MIGHT HAVE REINFORCED THE DOWNWARD TREND, ENDING THE RUN OF FIVE CONSECUTIVE FTSE GAINS SINCE EARLY LAST WEEK.**  
 ONE DEALER REMARKED "WE'D HEARD OF A COUPLE OF MODEST SELL PROGRAMMES AROUND MID-MORNING WHICH WERE ENOUGH TO BRING OTHER SELLERS OUT." OTHER DEALERS REPORTED TWO WAY PROGRAMME TRADING BUT SAID SELLING SENTIMENT DOMINATED THE WIDER MARKET.  
 "IT LOOKED LIKE A FAIRLY ROUTINE PORTFOLIO ADJUSTMENT BUT THE MARKET WAS LOOKING FOR A REASON TO SELL AFTER ITS NEAR 50 POINT RUN UP SINCE LAST WEEK," ANOTHER TRADER SAID.  
 Worried about U.S. inflation after further rises in commodity prices, and higher U.S. interest rates are hitting sentiment. Higher interest rates could hit Wall Street, with a knock-on effect on world stock markets, dealers said.

### London Gold

LONDON, JUNE 7, Reuter - Gold bullion closed 60 cents easier at 463.00/463.50 dollars an ounce after largely tracking silver prices in fairly thin conditions.  
 Dealers said silver in turn had been heavily influenced by price movements in CBOT soybeans, which initially opened with smaller than expected gains then suffered a sell-off before starting to move higher again.

Gold tended to lag slightly behind silver and was less volatile. It had opened marginally lower at 463.50/464.00 dollars and extended losses slightly to fix at 463.40 in the morning before bouncing back to an afternoon settling of 464.40.  
**London Money Market**

LONDON, JUNE 7, Reuter - Money market interest rates ended easier across the board as both the market and sterling bears seemed to have settled for yesterday's 1/2 point rise

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## International Bond Holdings

London—Okasan Securities Co Ltd is issuing a 50 mn dir equity warrant Eurobond due June 30, 1993, paying an indicated 4-1/4 pct and priced at par. Okasan International (Europe) Ltd said as lead manager. (RTUK 0801)

London—Sweden's Forsmarks Kraftgrupp AB is issuing a 70 mn Australian dir Eurobond due July 15, 1992, paying 13 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct. Svenska International PLC said as lead manager. (RTXA 11440)

Frankfurt—Denmark's Jydske Telefon-A/S (Jutland Telephone) is issuing a 100 mn mark, seven-year Eurobond, lead manager Dresdner Bank AG said. (RTUL 0822)

London—The London International Financial Futures exchange board has approved the listing of a West German government bond (bund), futures contract, and trading will start on September 29. (RTWI 1309)

Zurich—The city of Kobe, Japan, is launching a 150 mn Swiss franc, 4-5/8 pct, 10-year bond priced at 100-3/8 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTVS 1122)

Zurich—Chisan Tokan Co. Ltd of Japan is launching 60 mn Swiss francs of five-year convertible notes with an indicated one pct coupon and priced at par, lead manager Credit Suisse said. (RTVT 1153)

## INTERBANK RATES

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	6-3/4 1/2	8-5/16 1/4	8-3/4 5/8
FFT	3.35/45	3.35/45	3.55/65
PAR	6-7/8 7	7-1/8 1/4	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	2-1/2 2-3/4	2-5/8 2-7/8
BRO	6.50	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
PAR	9-5/4 10-1/4	10-5/8 11-1/8	10-5/4 11-1/4
AMS	2-3/4 3-1/4	3-7/8 4.0	4-1/16 4-3/16
TKO	3.3750 4375	3.6750 9375	3.9575 4.0000
ECU	5.62 5.75	5.87 6.00	6.12 6.25

## INTERBANK RATES

	Period	Bid	Offered
	1 month	6 1/16	6 7/16
	3 months	6 3/16	6 9/16
	6 months	6 3/16	6 9/16
	1 year	6 1/4	6 5/8

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	65	64	65	MICO	600	630	622.50	
ACC	240	250	254	GMFC	47	50	49.50	MURANO	92	94	96
ASTA PAINT	165	165.25	168.75	GRASIM	102	104	104.50	MOCIL	445	455	475
BAJAJ AUTO	200	205	205.75	WIND LEVER	72	72.50	74	PECO	33.50	33	34
BON DYEING	245	250	245	WINDALCO	83	84.50	87	PFIZER	69	65.50	68
BOND	131.25	144	144.50	WINDOMO	22.50	22.50	22.50	PRE-AUTO	35	37.25	36.50
SSE INDEX	572.10	587.26	587.26	IND ORG	25	25.50	26.50	RAYMOND	48.50	48	50.50
CENTURISPC	850	860	857.50	INDRAYON	64	65	66	SIEMENS	196	196	196
COLATEC	209.50	217.50	218.50	INDROL	175	172.50	180	SPIC	56	57	58
DEEPAKFT	39.50	40	43.50	ITC	43	41	43	STDMILLS	240	240	250
EI. HOTEL	50	49	51	JCSYNT	64.50	66	68	TATA PUR	245	260	245
ESKAFT	171.25	175	175.25	L. AND T.	93	94	97	TATACHEM	75	76	75
ESSAR	24.50	26	26.75	MAHINDRA	58	61	60	TELCO	625	655	670
GAR. POLY	83.50	83	84	MASTERSHR	12.12	12	12.25	TISCO	817.50	872.50	875
GE-SHIP	52	53	53	MATHER PL	75	74	77	VOLTAS	296	296	290

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	NITSUB CP	1280	1290
AJII MONOTO	3350	3320	NITSUB EST	2520	2510
AKAI ELEC	707	703	NITSUB HVY	768	755
AKRI	1140	1160	NITSU CO.	928	921
ASAH GAS	200	1970	NITSUMOSHI	1650	1680
ASAH OPT	754	765	NITSUMI EL	1250	1230
BANK TOKYO	1550	1560	NICHICON	1390	1350
BRIDGESTON	1480	1460	NIHON CHM	940	927
CANON	1240	1240	NIKKO SEC	1940	1940
CASIO COMP	1250	1280	NIK ELEC	2140	2120
CHUGAI MFG	900	1600	NIP KOKAM	504	481
CITIZEN W	915	931	NIP OIL	1190	1210
D-ICHI KAN	3060	3060	NIP STEEL	504	503
DAI NIP IK	817	824	NIP YUSEN	721	716
DAI NIP PT	2590	2610	NIS MOTOR	970	964
DAI NIP SC	1120	1100	NOKURA SEC	3980	3990
DAI NIP TO	655	650	ONBA CO	990	980
DALCEC	954	925	OLYMPUS PH	1140*	1150*
DATTA H	2120	2120	PENTA-RCH	932.50	924.50
DATTA SEC	2350	2350	PIONEER HAN	3185	3170
EBRA MFG	990	1000	REINOUR	945*	942**
EISAI	2070	2090	RICOH	1290	1300
FUJITSU	1550	1530	SANKYO	2070	2080
FUJI BANK	3170	3200	SANYO ELEC	630*	620
FUJI PHOTO	3770	3750	SEIYU ST	2160	2170
FUJISAMA	1900	1900	SEKISUI PB	1830	1830
FUJITA CP	813	830	SHARP	1090	1090
HITACHI	1430	1400	SHISEIDO	1880	1900
HONDA MOT	1710	1730	SONY	5200	5250
ISETAN	1620	1600	SUMITOMO	1170	1160
ITO YOKADO	4490	4500	TAISEI	961	967
JAP SYN RU	1050	1050	TAISHO NRH	1100	1110
JAPAN AIR	14500	14500	TAKEDA CH	2610	2630
JAPAN MET	670	676	TEIJIN	872	868
KAITAI	1530	1540	TOKU NEW IX	185.18	185.79
KANSAI EL	3210	3250	TOKYU NRH	1950	1960
KAO SOAP	1930	1920	TOKYO ELEC	1200	1210
KAMASAKI H	496	469	TOKYO GAS	1150	1130
KAMASAKI S	335	318	TOKYO POKE	6100	6160
KIRIN BREW	2230	2240	TORAY IND	970	935
KOBATO LTD	755	760	TOSHIBA EL	920	909
KYOCERA	5490	5460	TOTO	2290	2330
MARUJI	3170	3190	TOYO KOGO	570	575
MATSU EI	0	2450	TOYOTA MOT	2260	2280
MATSU EI	0	2660	YAMAUCHI	1960	1980
MEIJI SEIK	1030	1030	YAMAZAKI	4010	4010
				1600	1580

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN MASSIVE VOLUME

TOKYO, JUNE 7, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER, BREAKING A TWO-DAY WINNING STREAK, AS PROFIT-TAKING AND CONCERN OVER RAPID RECENT ADVANCES TOO HOLD, BROKERS SAID.

TRADED VOLUME WAS 2.2 BILLION SHARES AGAINST 1.6 BILLION ON MONDAY. POWERFUL INSTITUTIONS AND BROKERAGES HUNTING SHORT-TERM GAINS DEALT HECTICALLY, MAINLY IN STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING STOCKS. BUT REAL BUYING INCENTIVES WERE SCARCE. THE NIKKEI INDEX CLOSED 28.92 POINTS, 0.1 PCT LOWER, AT 27,967.32. ON MONDAY THE INDEX GAINED 89.76 TO A RECORD CLOSING 27,996.24. AT ONE POINT IN TUESDAY MORNING TRADE, THE INDEX SWUNG HIGHER, NEARLY BREAKING MONDAY'S 28,059.97 RECORD.

SECURITIES HOUSE, NON-FERROUS METALS, CREDIT/LEASE, PHARMACEUTICAL, OIL, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE, AND CONSTRUCTION STOCKS RETREATED.

BUT COMMUNICATIONS, SHIPBUILDING, GENERAL MANUFACTURING, TRUCKING, TEXTILES, AND STEEL SHARES ENDED SLIGHTLY HIGHER.

"THE MARKET IS AWASH WITH MONEY," SAID A MANAGER AT TACHIBANA SECURITIES. "INDIVIDUALS ARE BUYING AND THE INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ARE DEALING." BUT HE SAID THE INDEX'S RISE FROM 27,223 POINTS ON MONDAY LAST WEEK HAD KINDLED SOME CAUTION WHICH PUSHED THE INDEX LOWER IN AFTERNOON TRADE.

"THERE IS SOME WORRY THAT IF THE MARKET RISES TOO MUCH, THE AUTHORITIES WILL TIGHTEN MARGIN TRADING RESTRICTIONS AGAIN TO COOL THINGS OFF," SAID ONE FOREIGN BROKER.

BUT MOST BROKERS SAY THE AFTERNOON DOWNTURN AS SIMPLY A BREATH AFTER RECENT GAINS. SOME ATTENTION CENTERED ON REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT A PRIVATE U.S. ECONOMIC FORECASTING AGENCY PREDICTED A HALF-POINT RISE IN THE SIX PCT U.S. DISCOUNT RATE BEFORE JULY 4, BROKERS SAID.

"BUT THIS IS JUST A PHASE TO TAKE A BREATH AND THINK ABOUT WHAT THEMES ARE GOING TO DRIVE THE MARKET NOW," SAID ROBERT KARR AT NEW JAPAN SECURITIES.

## Hong Kong Stock Market Report

HONG KONG, JUNE 7, REUTER - STOCKS CLOSED SLIGHTLY LOWER AFTER RISING SHARPLY ON MONDAY, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FINISHED 3.36 DOWN AT 2,587.03 AFTER CLIMBING ABOVE THE KEY CHART POINT OF 2,600 INITIALLY, AND THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX DREW 2.16 TO 1,713.62. TURNOVER WAS 1.11 BILLION H.K. DLRs AGAINST 1.34 BILLION ON MONDAY.

"I THINK THE MARKET HAS REACHED A NEW BASE ROUGHLY 100 POINTS HIGHER THAN TWO WEEKS AGO AND SHOULD STAY THERE FOR THE SUMMER," A BROKER AT A U.K.-BASED BROKERAGE FIRM SAID.

"AFTER OCTOBER (LAST YEAR) PEOPLE ARE MUCH MORE RELUCTANT TO TAKE SHORT-TERM PROFITS," HE ADDED.

## AMMAN

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## Iraq and UAE sign trade agreement

ABU DHABI, June 7. (OPECNA): Iraq and the UAE have agreed to develop cooperation in economic, trade, cultural, technical and information fields. The agreement followed meetings of the joint Iraqi-UAE commission led by Iraqi Finance Minister Hikmat Omar Al Hadithi and the UAE Minister of Economy and Trade Saif Al Jarwan.

The two sides also agreed to encourage the holding of fairs, exchange of visits by trade delegations and removal of all obstacles to smooth trade.

They also expressed relief at the trade balance between the two countries standing at \$32.70 million worth of UAE exports to Iraq, with an equal amount of Iraqi exports to UAE.

Both sides stressed the need for boosting industrial cooperation and considering the possibility of exporting aluminium from Abu Dhabi plant to Iraq.

The accord also covered agriculture, education and tourism.

"The UAE is determined to enhance cooperation with Iraq and other Arab states as a step towards achieving economic integration," Al Jarwan said after the meeting.

Al Hadithi said the agreement would serve the interests of a balanced cooperation between the two countries, adding that Iraq was ready to further develop the scope of such relations.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, June 7. (Reuters):

Prices closed easier but off their lows in active trading as investors took profits after two sessions of solid gains. The All Ordinaries index closed down 4.3 at 1,595.4.

TOKYO: Prices were lower, breaking a two-day winning streak, as profit-taking and concern over recent rapid advances took hold. The Nikkei index closed down 28.92 at 27,967.32.

HONG KONG: Prices were slightly lower after big gains yesterday. One broker said he thought the market had reached a new base. The Hang Seng index lost 3.36 to 2,587.03.

SINGAPORE: Prices were marginally lower on lack of follow-through buying support after nine sessions of gains. The Straits Times Industrial index fell 3.93 to 1,031.19.

BOMBAY: Brokers boycotted trading in protest at a violent demonstration by workers pressing pay demands.

FRANKFURT: Shares eased on a technical reaction sparked by the weaker dollar and dealers reported greater caution among investors. The Commerzbank index, set at mid-session, was down 7.4 at 1,405.5.

ZURICH: The market was slightly lower, reflecting the weaker dollar and profit-taking after recent gains. The All-Share Swiss index lost 4.8 to 841.6.

PARIS: Prices were initially firm, with attention on shares which had been subject to speculative buying. The 50-share Bourse Indicator was up by 0.65 per cent.

Casio introduces new copier

Hirofumi Aoki

By Lima Al Khalafawi

CASIO'S sales representative Hirofumi Aoki said Kuwait last year imported KD 2 million of Casio products.

Continuing, he said, a new handy copier from Casio had been introduced in the local market. It has all the facilities such as: enlarging, reducing, copying at high speed, copies from any surface such as newspapers, articles, postcards, maps, or logos.

The new copier is compact, rechargeable and fully portable. Further, Casio introduced a new compact calculator case which holds up to 1,500 names and phone numbers.

It includes a full month calendar (Jan 1991-Dec 2099) and can recall any day's schedule from the display. The calculator includes memo and telephone functions.

Aoki claimed that Casio is one of the leading names in its field and strives to provide state-of-the-art technology at very competitive prices to its customers.

## Concessions given to attract foreign investment

# India relaxes tax laws to boost industry

By Fathima Ahmed

INDIA has declared a tax holiday under special concessions given for export-oriented industries, according to H.P.

Raina, a leading tax consultant. Raina is in Kuwait as part of the SBI Cap team to promote industrial investment.

"Tax laws are not as draconian as they are made out to be," asserts Raina. He says that the government has been "responsive" to public opinion and has simplified laws for NRIs and persons of Indian origin in individual or joint ventures.

**Extent**

Export-oriented units, under a recently amended law, are "free from tax to the extent of profits derived from exports."

Export subsidies and other benefits received from the government are considered to be a part of the export earnings, and would be tax free, he explained.

**Indian laws**

In recent months, have been geared to boost industrial investment for setting up new units, particularly to attract foreign exchange.

Laws have been relaxed, and simplified, to allow depreciation on the actual cost of factory building, furniture and fixtures.

**Gold little changed**

## Dollar slightly down on European exchanges

LONDON, June 7. (Agencies): The US dollar was slightly down today on European foreign exchanges, while gold was little changed.

Dealers said trading was quiet and they expected little movement by the dollar before next Tuesday's announcement of fresh US trade data.

In Tokyo, where trading ends as Europe's business day begins, the dollar fell 0.30 yen to a closing 125.77 yen. In late London trading it was quoted at 125.80 yen.

**Strengthened**

The British pound strengthened following yesterday's increase of half a percentage point in British interest rates. In London, sterling gained just over a penny to trade at \$1.8130 compared with \$1.8025 late yesterday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late yesterday:

— 1,7143 West German marks, down from 1,7190.

— 1,4277 Swiss francs, down from 1,4357.

— 5,7910 French francs, down from 5,8122.

— 1,9245 Dutch guilders, down from 1,9303.

— 1,273.10 Italian lire, down from 1,277.65.

— 1,2318 Canadian dollars, down from 1,2324.

The price of gold eased slightly yesterday but the inflation fears which had sent it soaring last week were not calmed as grain prices around the world jumped.

Traded volume was a hefty 2.2 billion shares against 1.6 billion yesterday.

Gold was trading in Tokyo at around \$463.00 per ounce by late

plant and machinery. "Depreciation is allowed on the gross block of such (mentioned above) assets," said Raina.

The government is trying to woo investors, particularly those buying plant or machinery, by giving tax concessions. For instance, plant and machinery, including cars, are entitled to depreciation at the rate of 33.33 per cent on the written-down value. Depreciation at the rate of 50 per cent is given for such items as lorries, air and water pollution equipment; energy saving devices get depreciation at the rate of 100 per cent.

The investment climate was never better for industrialists, claims Raina. "An investment allowance has been reintroduced for plant and machinery at the rate of 25 per cent of its actual cost," he explains.

**Exempt**

An entrepreneur, setting up an industry, is entitled to deduction, through depreciation and investment allowances from his taxable profits, an amount aggregating to 125 per cent of the cost of assets.

About 25 per cent of the taxable profits of every new industry are exempt from tax for a period of eight years, beginning from



Raina

the year the unit starts commercial production.

If an industry buys new machinery, it gets extra concessions by having to pay tax only on 80 per cent of the taxable profits.

"A profitable industry enjoys 20 per cent tax exemption on its taxable profit if it acquires new plant or machinery," Raina said.

Industries set up in designated backward areas get tax exemption on taxable profits for a period of 10 years.

"Industries in backward areas

are eligible for exemption of 45 per cent for the first eight years and 20 per cent for the next two years," Raina said. This exemption is applicable from the time commercial production begins.

Raina advises prospective investors to buy Non-Resident Indian Bonds, which were recently floated, as they are completely tax free.

The NRI Bonds, issued by the government, are cashed seven years after an Indian returns to India at the prevailing rate of exchange. "There is a possibility that you may get higher returns," he claims.

The government, which recently announced the issue of the bonds has not fixed the rate of interest. Raina expects to be higher on normal foreign currency accounts, which pay 9.5 per cent. Drought Relief Bonds, recently issued, are also tax free, irrespective of the amount invested.

**Debentures**

On bank deposits and debentures, Indians have to pay 20 per cent tax on total value, irrespective of the amount invested by them. Investing in shares may not be profitable in the long run, Raina says. "If you sell shares, you are liable to pay capital gains

tax of 20 per cent," he explained.

Raina adds that if Indians have deposited large sums in banks back home, and are planning to return, they must withdraw their deposits and re-invest carefully.

If someone returns to India, but has not received his dues from his employer overseas, he can have the money sent to him by a banker or an agent. "Dues from an ex-employer remitted to India are not liable to tax," he said.

**Conception**

Foreign currency NRI accounts are believed profitable. The disadvantage of having a dollar or sterling account, he said, is that though the currency is exchanged at the prevailing rate of exchange, the amount is non-negotiable.

NRI external accounts, as is well-known, are tax free.

Raina believes that the best form of investment, in the present economic climate, is industry. "In industry, if an entrepreneur takes advantage of all the special concessions now being given by the government, he would be much better off financially." His advice is: nurture an industrial project from conception to implementation.

## OAPEC members losing \$18 billion annually

THE Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said yesterday that its members are losing \$18 billion annually as a result of the decline in the value of the dollar.

The group called for the replacement of the US dollar with a basket of currencies in calculating oil prices.

**Reiterate**

"Today, as the dollar's exchange rates approach their trough, we reiterate our call to consider adopting an alternative system for pricing oil, starting with the idea of a basket of currencies," OAPEC said in the editorial of the June issue of its monthly bulletin.

"In this way, we may be able to protect our economies from oscillations in world financial markets, because these only exacerbate the problem already facing us as a result of fluctuating oil prices," it said.

The Kuwait-based organisation groups together Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the UAE, Iraq, Algeria and Libya, along with Syria, Bahrain and Tunisia. The first seven double as members of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The editorial said that if the Arab oil-exporting countries had

taken measures to protect their economies from such exchange fluctuations, the drop in the value of the dollar would not have been so detrimental to their economies.

**Decline**

OAPEC calculated that the decline of the dollar resulted in a loss to its members of \$5 per barrel, or \$50 million per day.

"In other words, the annual loss resulting from the dollar's decline exceeds the national income of many Arab countries, at least \$18 billion per annum," the OAPEC editorial said.

**World Bank loan**

WASHINGTON, June 7. (Reuters): The World Bank yesterday announced a \$45 million loan to the Philippines to improve the operation and maintenance of the country's national irrigation system.

It said the loan would spur agricultural production, raise farmers' income, directly benefit about 430,000 farm families and move the country towards food self-sufficiency.

The loan is for 20 years, including five years of grace, with a variable interest rate, now at 7.72 per cent, linked to the cost of the Bank's borrowings.

## Emphasis on reasonable prices

By Jadranka Porter

BULGARIA has launched a campaign to attract tourists from the Gulf with the emphasis on family holidays and reasonable prices.

Promoting the new package holidays which include visits to mountain and seaside resorts is ABATCO — Arab Bulgarian Travel and Trading Company, a joint venture set up in 1983. It originally concentrated on Kuwait market only but since 1986 ABATCO has branched out to Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

**Stressed**

Stefan Tonchev, the director of ABATCO in Kuwait stressed Bulgaria's efforts to create an Arab setting in some of the country's resorts to attract a greater number of Arab tourists who comprise about eight per cent of the seven million tourists visiting Bulgaria annually.

Three thousand tourists from the Gulf, mainly from Kuwait, visited Bulgaria last year, a figure that Bulgarian tourist authorities would like to see grow.

This is why they have renovated a holiday village Druzhba near Varna on the Black Sea adapting it to the needs of Arab tourists.

The settlement consists of 41 two bedroom villas and is designed for family holidays with facilities such as restaurants, evening entertainment, tennis

## Bulgaria tries to attract tourists

Nenkova, Spasov (centre) and Tonchev address a news conference.

courts, children's playground and a clinic, according to Georgi Indjov, the director of the company currently visiting Kuwait.

Zdravko Spasov, chairman of Balkantourist, yesterday told a news conference in Kuwait that Bulgaria is not in the same category with the most popular European tourist destinations but to compensate for any deficiencies it has maintained last year's prices that were already at the lower end of the international price scale.

"Tourism is comparatively a new industry in Bulgaria. Our pricing policy will depend on what our competitors do," said Nenkova of Balkantourist.

Spasov.

Tonchev said prices for half board range from \$25 to \$70. Villas at Druzhba can be rented at \$20 per night for the first two weeks with 25 per cent discount for a six-week stay.

**Attract**

In a bid to attract foreign visitors, Bulgaria recently introduced a special rate of exchange for tourists doubling the amount of local currency one can get for convertible currency.

Thus a visitor can get 1.68 lev for a dollar while for business purposes the rate remains at 0.84 lev per dollar, said Ludmila Nenkova of Balkantourist.

## Final-hour rally pushes stock prices higher

share gained five cents.

Peter Brodie, executive vice-president of Centre Square Investment Group in Philadelphia, agreed that investors should be pleased with the activity.

"The worst thing that could have occurred would have been a runaway to the upside," Brodie, said. "This rally is far from being over."

"Interest rates are in the process of turning (lower)," he said, crediting the moderation in rates for part of the Dow's 115-point jump last week.

"Interest rates and psychology are moving this market," Hays said. "And we know the psychology has become pretty positive in the past few weeks."

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tlement.

Advances topped declines 856-636 among the 1,955 issues crossing the New York Stock Exchange tape. Volume slowed to 152,460,000 shares compared with the 189,600,000 shares traded on Friday.

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Broad-market indexes

## SCREEN

Sequel to a 30-year-old classic

## Return to the River Kwai

By Richard Wallace

IT'S a scene that has taken on mythical proportions in movie history. *The Bridge on the River Kwai*.

It conjures up images of brutal Japanese soldiers forcing starving British prisoners-of-war at bayonet point to build a railway in the tropical heat of the Thai jungle. And of Sir Alec Guinness as the stiff-upper-lipped Colonel Nicholson, torn between duty to King and country and his desire to prove to the enemy the superiority of the British officer by building them a bridge better than anything constructed by the Japanese.

*The Bridge on the River Kwai* took £100 million at the box office, won seven Academy Awards and a knighthood for Alec Guinness. Its jaunty theme tune is still heard today. Now 30 years later a new generation will be introduced to the Kwai Bridge in a sequel which attempts to better the original.

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It is called *Return from the River Kwai*. It stars Edward Fox as a British Army major in a role similar to that of Guinness as Col. Nicholson, and Denholm Elliott as a guerrilla warfare expert dropped behind enemy lines, mirroring Jack Hawkins' character in the first *Kwai*.

The Japanese commander, who must achieve his objectives no matter how many Allied POWs die, is played by Star Trekker George 'Mr. Sulu' Takei, looking remarkably similar to the first commanding Sessue Hayakawa. Christopher Penn, younger brother of tearaway Sean, plays a cocky, cynical American pilot,

recalling William Holden's character in the original movie.

The *Bridge on the River Kwai*, with its theme of heroic conflict and incredible bravery under inhuman conditions, was perhaps the finest British war picture ever made. But *Return from the River Kwai* is not a remake or simply a sequel. It purports to tell the real story of the British, Australian and American POWs imprisoned at a concentration camp at Tha Makan on the banks of the Kwai, 75 miles west of Bangkok. Here the Japanese faced their single biggest task, getting the railway across the river.

In the original film, Col. Nicholson, the officer commanding the Allied prisoners, wins heroic adoration because he refuses to order his officers to do manual work alongside his men on the bridge designed to carry the notorious Death Railway.

Beaten up, tortured and left in the oven—a tiny hut sizzling visibly in the heat—he refuses to cave in. His futile bravery commands both pity and admiration. Nicholson then determines that they should build a better bridge than the Japanese, proving Allied superiority, although paradoxically it ultimately has to be destroyed by British commandos to halt the Japanese advance.

Return from the River Kwai opens with the bridge already built. In reality it was never destroyed and still exists as a tourist attraction. Hollywood producer Sam Spiegel simply thought it would make better cinema if it was blown up. So at cost of £100,000 he had a replica constructed in Sri Lanka—and then destroyed.

Certainly *Return from the River Kwai* starts with an attempt to destroy the bridge and railway but it also tells the true story of how Allied POWs



Edward Fox plays Major Benford, the POW's stiff-upper-lipped commanding officer, in *Return from the River Kwai*.

were shipped along the railway line to Saigon, then put on board freighters bound for Japan to work as slaves in munitions factories.

Producer Kurt Unger said: 'The film is based on a factual book by Clay and Joan Blair. They spent two years researching the fate of the railway survivors.'

The movie traces the fate of one such group billeted at a work camp near Kwai Bridge and, it is claimed, is based entirely on fact, whereas Bridge on the River Kwai contained only an inkling of truth.

Brutality and degradation are once again strong currents running through the film. US airman Christopher Penn is shot down trying to blow up the bridge and is captured and tortured. Later an Australian seaman, played by Timothy Bottoms, is beheaded in front of his fellow prisoners.

The new movie was filmed in the Philippines and the filmmakers discovered a bridge already built which was of the period. However, there were several false starts. Just as the cameras were ready to roll last October, an attempted coup in the country halted filming.



Alec Guinness as Col. Nicholson in the first *Bridge on the River Kwai*.

The film coaxes some remarkable performances out of Edward Fox and Denholm Elliott. Crew on the set said Fox simply became a British officer and lived the part, very like the powerful performance of Guinness in the previous picture.

Of course, despite the film's quality, it remains to be seen whether today's cynical, more knowing audiences, less susceptible to propaganda than in 1957, will accept a World War II film which portrays the Allies as simplistic, mythical heroes.

## 'Dirty Harry' comes clean

By Hilary Bonner

CLINT EASTWOOD is Hollywood's ultimate survivor, the superstar who appears to have avoided the deadly pitfalls of life in Tinsel Town.

Yet he admits he's fascinated by the way so many big names destroy themselves with drink or drugs.

And for his latest film, *Bird*, which he directed but doesn't act in, he turns the spotlight on one such victim, jazz genius Charlie "Bird" Parker, who destroyed himself with heroin.

In a rare and revealing interview, Clint 57, said: 'I suppose everyone has a road down which they could have gone and become an out-and-out drunk or into some other form of self-destruction.'

'But something in the brain says that's enough—and you stop. The ones who do go right down that road are in trouble.'

### Philosophy

He says his personal philosophy is to 'take the work seriously and not yourself'. And he admits: 'The other important thing is to have self-respect. You mustn't lose your self-respect.'

*Bird* with Forest Whitaker in the lead role, picked up two awards at the Cannes Film Festival.

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Clint Eastwood: his latest film *Bird* picked up two awards at Cannes

The lanky actor returns to the screen as legendary Dirty Harry later this year but the latest tough cop adventure, *The Dead Pool*, could be his last in the genre.

Multi-millionaire Clint is a man whose surefooted march through the movie land minefield should be a blueprint for all budding actors.

When Westerns became unfashionable, the actor we first knew herding cattle on TV in *Rawhide* changed into an urban vigilante. Then, three years ago, as cowboys and Indians were all the rage, Clint gave us the splendid *Pale Rider*.

When asked about his ability to make getting it right look so easy, he smiled in that winning way which must hold part of the secret and said: 'It's just I haven't been caught out yet.'

He's even managed to survive a Hollywood marriage break-up with barely a whiff of scandal, although it cost him a small fortune in alimony and made him vow never to wed again.

He took long-time girlfriend Sondra Locke to Cannes just as there were whispers he was locked in a passionate romance with 52-year-old Mrs Jean Grace, his successor as Mayor of Carmel.

### Grin

'Those stories are just rubbish,' he says, flashing that easy grin.

He stretches those legs that go on and on for ever—the kindly, tough guy always calm in time of crisis.

How can anyone doubt a man like that?

Certainly not the huge audiences everywhere who keep rock-steady Clint where he belongs—at the top.

## Captured: the great train robber on film

By Arthur Herman

LONDON, (UPI): The story of fugitive Ronald Biggs, the great train robber from Britain who escaped to Brazil, finally has been captured in a movie.

Even 25 years after Biggs and 14 masked accomplices robbed the Glasgow to London mail train of \$7.3 million in bank notes, he still fascinates the public. But it took another exile, Polish director Lech Majewski, to harness and complete the \$6 million project titled *The Prisoner of Rio*.

'Hello, how are we doing?' Biggs asked the folks back home in a live telecast from Rio De Janeiro recently.

Looking almost grandfatherly he explained that after all the years in Brazil, which refused to extradite him because of his Brazilian son, 'I'm still on conditional liberty—not allowed to work and gratefully not allowed to marry.'

In Rio, Biggs, now 59, collaborated with Majewski on the screenplay for 'prisoner.'

'We closeted ourselves together, and for the first two weeks there was a bodyguard standing next to us,' Majewski said. 'They didn't know whether I was serious about a movie or was just another guy who wanted to take him back to England.'

A first script centered on the real 1981 abduction of Biggs to the Caribbean island of Barbados by a band of free-lance British ex-servicemen. At that time a legal loophole again allowed him to return to Brazil.

But Majewski decided he didn't want to be limited to the facts of Biggs' life.

'I tried to do what Oscar Wilde would prescribe—that is to say the truth by lying completely and writing a fictional story which contains the elements of reality,' he said in an interview at Pinewood studios outside London.

So the movie is based on Biggs, played by the veteran Paul Freeman, best known as the evil French archaeologist belloch in *Raiders Of The Lost Ark*.

But the film's plot of a Scotland Yard inspector who kidnaps 'Ronnie' and tries to smuggle him aboard a British warship is something that never happened—at least not in that way.

And the movie, filmed on location in Rio and with a strong samba-based soundtrack, is as much about exotic and violent Brazil as about the train robber.

'It's a story of an exile who goes to the ultimate escape,' Majewski said. 'You can't escape further than Rio. Since I'm also an escapee or exile, I wanted to check the border of escape.'

The movie begins with documentary-style footage representing the 1963 'Great Train Robbery.' Biggs' escape from a London high-security prison and his flight to Australia and then Brazil, setting the scene for the story of 'prisoner.'

'It's just as well the film spares us the ultimate escape,' Majewski said. 'You can't escape further than Rio. Since I'm also an escapee or exile, I wanted to check the border of escape.'

But the clash of opposing personalities, the fugitive and inspector McFarland, played by Steven Berkoff, sputters rather than crackles.

Majewski was in 1977 the youngest-ever graduate in film and television directing at the state college of film theatre and television in Lodz, Poland. In 1981 he was showing his second feature film, *The Knight*, at the London Film Festival when the imposition of martial law in Poland made him decide to remain in the West.

'Poland can be a pretty harrowing experience and you can start self-censoring yourself,' he said. 'You are brought up in an air of being careful because if you are not, you are not going to work or be able to express yourself.'

Majewski grew up fascinated by Brazil and especially its carnival.

'It's the only instance I know where thousands gather not for politics or religion but to celebrate life,' he said.

Post-production work on 'prisoner' was finished just days before the Cannes film festival. There, a Swiss firm—Multi Media AG—was seeking to make distribution deals worldwide for the Biggs story.



A scene from *Pelle the Conqueror* which won the top Golden Palm award at Cannes last month.

## Double triumph for Danish cinema

By Michael Duggan

COPENHAGEN, (Reuters): A double triumph by Danish movie-makers has put Denmark's cinema industry firmly back on the international map after decades on the sidelines.

*Pelle the Conqueror* the story of a young boy's hard upbringing in 19th century rural Denmark, starring Swedish actor Max von Sydow, became the first Danish movie to win the top Golden Palm award at the Cannes film festival last month.

Steiger sought help from a psychiatrist and a local crisis clinic but, most of all, he says, his wife pulled him through the worst.

Marriage No. 3 was to a former Las Vegas dancer named Sherry Nelson, who made a living as a race-track handicapper. She sued and lost her palimony suit. They had lived together for two years and had been married for four.

Steiger was paralysed by a depression from which he has finally emerged.

'I felt I couldn't act. I had no confidence in myself. It was two years of hell,' says the star of *The Waterfront* (1954), *The Pawnbroker* (1964), *The Chosen* (1982), *Doctor Zhivago* (1965), *No Way to Treat a Lady* (1968) and *The Amityville Horror* (1979).

Steiger is working again. He recently completed a horror feature film with Yvonne De Carlo titled *American Gothic*, which should be released this year. And he co-stars in the NBC-TV western *Desperado: Avalanche at Devil's Ridge*, which has been described as a

oldest film production company still in operation (the Nordisk Filmkompagni, founded in 1906) which owns the oldest movie studio still in use, at Valby in Copenhagen.

Since the death of director Carl Dreyer, who made films from 1920 to 1955, Denmark's film industry made little impact on the international scene until the latest awards.

Danish Film Institute Director Finn Aabye said it was not easy for a land of only five million people to compete with bigger countries which have more money available.

### Drawback

'It makes it always difficult and heavy going for a little nation,' he said. His institute distributes an annual 60 million crowns (9.2 million dollars) in state support to Danish filmmakers, who currently produce a dozen films a year.

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MAYWEATHER AND HILL RETAIN TITLES

# Barkley stops Hearns in 3rd round

**LAS VEGAS, June 7.** (Reuter) Thomas Hearns' flickering dream of greatness was snuffed out last night by four-to-one underdog Iran Barkley's second attempt to win a middleweight title.

Hearns, the only man to win titles in four weight divisions and whose only losses were to ring greats Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvelous Marvin Hagler, was taken apart by the relatively unknown Barkley in the third round of their World Boxing Council middleweight title fight.

**Decision**

In a three-title fight night, Roger Mayweather retained his WBC super lightweight title with a split-point decision over fellow-American Harold Braizer.

And in a lacklustre affair between Americans Virgil Hill and Ramzi Hassan of Jordan, Hill retained his World Boxing Association light heavyweight crown in a unanimous decision.

The Hearns-Barkley fight was anything but dull. It packed in more excitement in less than three rounds than the other fights combined.

Hearns, who desperately wanted rematches with Leonard and Hagler to avenge the two blemishes in an otherwise brilliant



Barkley sends Hearns sprawling through the ropes. (Reuter wirephoto)

career, instead ensured only a claim to being a very good fighter. Barkley, while not nearly as talented as Leonard or Hagler, nonetheless now joins their exalted company.

Barkley lost his previous attempt at a middleweight title

Hearns was especially effective with punishing blows to the ribs.

"I started to coast too early. Iran wasn't hurt enough or tired enough," Hearns said after the fight.

Indeed, he did and put away Hearns' dream as well.

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Hearns, sometimes dubbed "The Hit Man," turned to Barkley at the post-fight news conference and said: "You know what you've done tonight? You've out hit the hit-man."

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**Happy**

Asked about his plans for the future, a very mellow Hearns said: "Right now I just want to go home and relax. Even though I was defeated tonight, I'm still happy because a whole lot of people would love to do what I've done."

"I have no reason to hold my head down because I've been so successful. Every dog has its day and I've had many good days. Maybe it's time for me to move aside. God has made me a very happy and a very rich man."

Hearns earned \$1.5 million and Barkley \$350,000 for the fight.



Sujith: four for 26



Dhammika: scored 49

## BASEBALL ROUNDUP

### Reds take Padres to task

**NEW YORK, June 7.** (AP) Two outs away from a no-hitter, Cincinnati's Tom Browning took on a two-time batting champion and lost.

Browning had held the San Diego Padres to three walks and an error through eight innings last night. He reteamed Roberto Alomar on a grounder to third to start the ninth. Up came Tony Gwynn, a .422 hitter against Browning.

Browning fell behind 3-0, worked the count to 3-2 and then allowed a ground single to left. He ended up with his second career one-hitter as the Reds won 12-0.

"When he came up in the ninth inning, I sure as heck had no intention of walking him. I didn't mean to fall behind 3-0," said Browning, who one-hit the Cubs on June 4, 1986. "Once I got behind in the count, he fouled off about four pitches out of the strike zone, so he gave me every opportunity to get him out."

**Phillies 5, Expos 4**

Philadelphia's Lance Parrish and Mike Schmidt had two hits and two RBI apiece and Kevin Gross raised his lifetime record against Montreal to 11-3.

Gross, 6-2, allowed eight hits, struck out three and walked one.

Mets 6, Cardinals 2 Darryl Strawberry drove in four runs with a homer and a single as New York won for the sixth time in seven games against St. Louis this season.

Sid Fernandez, 3-5, who had lost four of his previous five starts, allowed six hits, struck out seven and walked nine in seven innings. Randy Myers worked two innings to earn his ninth save.

**Astros 10, Dodgers 4**

Gerald Young reached base six times, scored three runs and stole three bases and Glenn Davis drove in three runs with a homer and a single as Houston won at Los Angeles.

Bob Knepper, 7-1, allowed five hits over six innings, striking out seven and walking three. Larry Andersen pitched three innings to earn his second save.

**Mariners 6, Cardinals 0**

The Seattle Mariners yesterday became the last Major League team to shut out an opponent as Scott Bankhead, Mike Jackson and Mike Moore combined on a four-hitter for a 2-0 victory over Milwaukee.

"It was a great win and a shutout at that," said Jim Snyder, who was named interim manager after Williams became the fourth Major League managerial casualty of the season. Snyder managed 14 years in the Minor Leagues and was the team's first base coach.

The Mariners didn't have to force much against Milwaukee, which got all of its hits on Bankhead, 1-2. Jackson retired the side in the seventh and eighth innings and Moore worked the ninth for his second career save and first since Aug. 4, 1986.

**Red Sox 3, Yankees 2**

Billy Bass was back, but he made no appearances outside the Yankees dugout as the Red Sox came from behind. Martin returned from a three-game suspension for throwing dirt at umpire Dale Scott in Oakland last Monday.

Mike Greenwell's homer and two-run double brought back the Sox after the Yankees got two runs in the first inning.

**Royals 2, Athletics 0**

Like Seattle, Kansas City got a three-game shutout as Steve Furtach, Jeff Montgomery and Jerry Dant Gleaton combined on an eight-hitter.

Frank White singled in both runs in the second inning, making a winner of Furtach. It was his first victory as a starter since Sept. 6, 1985.

**Orioles 5, Tigers 2**

Baltimore got just its second home victory against Detroit in the last three seasons as Cal Ripken broke out of a month-long slump with four hits, including a three-run homer, and scored three runs. Larry Sheets had three hits and drove in two runs.

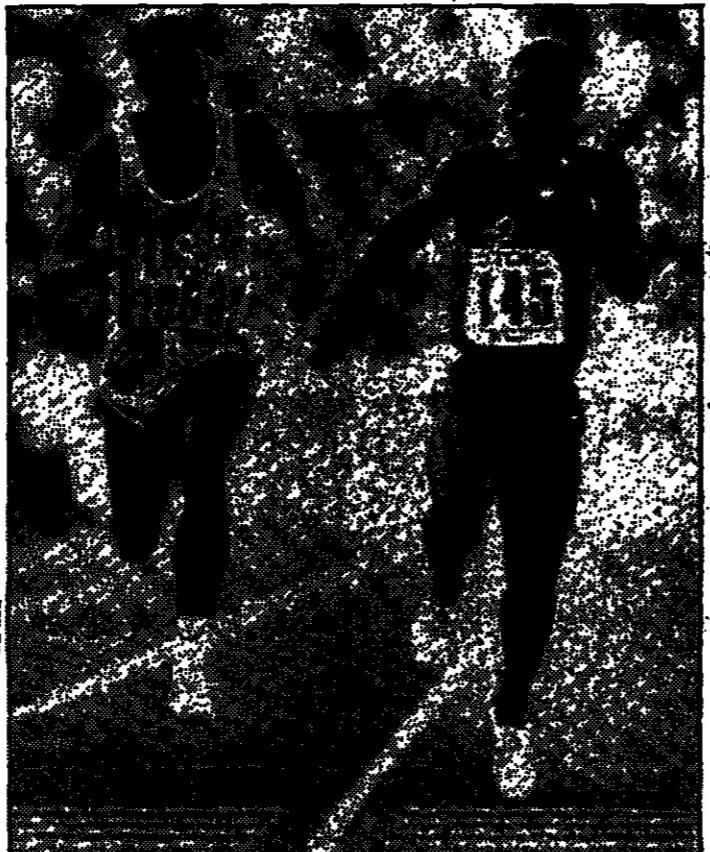
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**Results**

American League	National League
Baltimore 5	Detroit 2
Cleveland 6	Toronto 3
Boston 3	New York 2
Minnesota 9	Chicago 4
Kansas City 2	Oakland 0
Texas 6	California 4
Seattle 2	Milwaukee 0
Philadelphia 5	Montreal 4
Houston 10	Los Angeles 4
New York 6	St. Louis 2
Cincinnati 12	San Diego 0

# Lewis seeks his best season ever



Lewis (left) lost his throne to Johnson.

really disappointed."

He knows the two will meet in Seoul if both are healthy. at

only one of a number of factors

# Kingdom gets his act together

**LOS ANGELES, June 7.** (Reuter) Olympic champion Roger Kingdom needs only one word to describe why he is running the hurdles so well again — healthy.

Kingdom ran the fastest 110 metres hurdles in the world this year, 13.30 seconds, to defeat twice world champion Greg Foster at a Los Angeles meeting on Sunday.

"It was very frustrating and painful. I just said to myself 'hey, you've got to do it.'

He began working harder again, but was careful not to injure the hamstring muscles.

"Hamstrings are like a very sensitive girlfriend," Kingdom said. "You push them and they're gone."

His hamstrings have not troubled him though, and entering the Los Angeles meeting Kingdom already had posted the top

three times in the world this year.

"I don't have the best form out there, but I can really run between the hurdles," Kingdom said. "And even though I won today, this race doesn't count. People will be paying attention to what happens in July (at the US Olympic trials). They want to see who is going to make the team."

Traveled

Before Olympic trials, Kingdom will probably compete in the US National Championships in mid-June at Tampa, Florida, and race in San Diego on June 25.

"I won't go to Europe because that's taking a big risk," he said.

"The travel wears you out and I get dehydrated flying. That's one of the reasons I think I was injured. But I will go over after the trials."

# Aouita to run in Helsinki GP

**HELSINKI, June 7.** (Reuter) Morocco's sword champion Said Aouita will run in the World Games Grand Prix in the Finnish capital later this month, the meeting's promoter said yesterday.

Aouita, world champion at 5,000-metres will run either the 1000 metres or 1,500 metres at the meeting in the Olympic stadium on June 30, promoter Kari Wauhkonen told a news conference.

At last year's Helsinki meeting, Aouita, world record holder at 1,500 and 5,000 metres, ran the second-fastest mile ever in a time of three minutes 46.76 seconds.

The one-day meeting will also feature three world champions in an eight-strong Bulgarian team.

# Arabs aim for medal

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, June 7.** (AP) Oil-rich Saudi Arabia has pumped its petrodollars into conquering the desert, spudding it with factories, hospitals, schools and hotels and making it bloom with wheat fields in less than two decades. Now, it's shooting for Olympic gold medals.

If the Saudis walk away from the Seoul Olympic Games empty-handed, it won't be because they didn't try their best.

The Saudi government has hired Moroccan athlete Said Aouita, the world's top middle-distance runner, to groom three of Saudi Arabia's most promising athletes for Seoul. The Olympics are scheduled for Sept. 17 through Oct. 2.

**Shape**

The runners have left for Morocco, where Aouita will whip them into shape on his home turf through the summer.

Seven other track and field athletes will train in Italy, the United States and West Germany.

Although Saudi Arabia has participated in the Olympics since the Munich Games in 1972, this is the first time athletes have been sent abroad to train.

The move underscores the government's determination to mold Saudi athletes into world-class competitors.

But it has a long way to go. So far, no Saudi athlete has managed to win a medal.

"We thought we had a chance with soccer in Los Angeles, but we were unlucky in our first two matches," said Osman Al Saad, secretary-general of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee.

At last year's Helsinki meeting, the Saudi team will stay home this year, but 15 other athletes will compete in track and field, shooting, tae kwon do, and archery events.

And while Al Saad doesn't

have high hopes of victory this

year, he's optimistic about the future of sports in Saudi Arabia.

Unlike many other countries trying to develop Olympic teams, Saudi Arabia has the hard cash to support its athletic aspirations to the utmost.

Over the last few years, it has built several sports facilities, including a small sports hospital and the impressive King Fahd International Stadium, an ultra-modern, 500,000-square-yard edifice opened last March with great fanfare.

Also in the works is a "Leaders" Preparation Institute, opened this year to turn out coaches, referees and trainers.

Saudi Arabia currently relies on foreigners to train its athletes: a Brazilian coaches the soccer team, the tae kwon do coach comes from Japan, and a Korean coach runs Saudi through their paces in archery.

If Saudi Arabia is ever to compete successfully in the international arena, Al Saad believes that the first step is co-ordination between the Kingdom's presidency of youth welfare, which oversees all athletic activities, and the Education Ministry. He is deputy general president of the presidency of youth welfare.

**Hopefuls**

School sports are virtually non-existent in Saudi Arabia, where youngsters belong to informal "sporting clubs," which are separate from the educational system.

The result is that athletes with star potential are rarely discovered in time.

He said he hopes his country will begin training its athletes when they are young and that Olympic hopefuls will be able to devote themselves to sports full time.

As things stand now, all members of the Olympic team have other jobs and must train in their spare time.

When will Saudi Arabia welcome home a gold medalist?

"Maybe after two more Olympic Games," Al Saad predicted, adding that the kingdom's commitment to international athletics is long term.

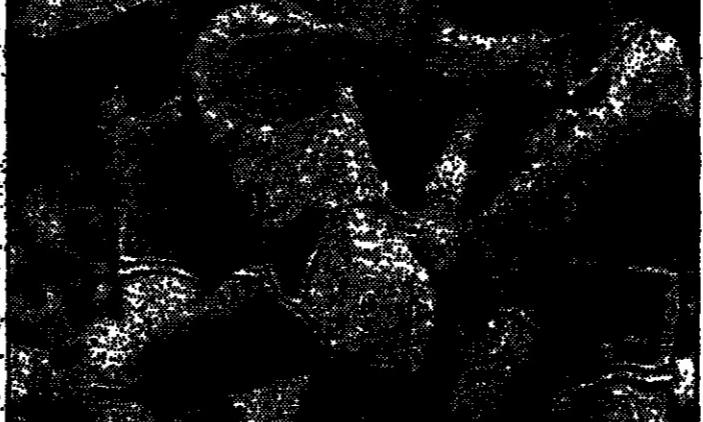
# Miller wins 7th stage

**SCHEFFIELD, England, June 7.** (AP) New Zealander Graeme Miller won the seventh stage of the round-Britain Milk race yesterday, outspurting four other riders despite feeling the after-effects of injuries suffered in a 50 mph crash.

After the 109-mile leg from Chester, the Soviet Union's Ivan Ivanov retained the yellow jersey of race leader by four minutes, 11 seconds.

Miller, 27, from Auckland, considered quitting after hurting his legs and backside during a high-speed descent in Wales on Friday. But his wounds were forgotten as he celebrated New Zealand's first stage win in the race for eight years.

**Results**



Miller drives to the basket in Lakers' middle ranks.

**LOS ANGELES, June 7.** (Reuter) A year ago coach Pat Riley guaranteed his Lakers would repeat as National Basketball Association champions and, after being taken to the limit in consecutive seven-game series, they are poised to do just that.

This evening, the playoff-seeded Lakers were to begin best-of-seven championship series at the Los Angeles Forum against the Detroit Pistons, who are making their first trip to the NBA finals.

Johnson averaged almost 20 points and 12 assists per game during the regular season, but has been known to nearly double his assist output in crucial playoff games.

**SPORTS****SPORTS BRIEFS****Royal opponent**

LONDON, June 7, (AP): Top-ranked women's tennis player Steffi Graf will have a royal opponent when she helps the Women's International Tennis Association open its new European office Friday. Graf, preparing for Wimbledon, is scheduled to play Britain's Princess Diana at the exclusive Vandyke Club.

**FA executive**

LONDON, June 7, (AP): Graham Kelly, secretary of the English Football League since 1979, was picked today as the new chief executive of England's Football Association.

**Lester Piggot**

LONDON, June 7, (AP): The head of Britain's leading authority on royal titles and lineage blasted Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today for recommending that imprisoned jockey Lester Piggot be stripped of his Order of the British Empire.

**Thai boxer**

TOKYO, June 7, (Reuter): Protests and criticism from Thailand could force the World Boxing Council (WBC) to offer Thai challenger Napa Katwanchai a rematch with Japanese world strawweight champion Hiroki Ioka.

**Late entry**

FARNHAM, West Germany, June 7, (Reuter): Former European table tennis champion Valentina Popova of the Soviet Union was one of seven players winning a late entry to the Seoul Olympics when places reserved for North Koreans were reallocated, the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) said today.

**Cycling tour**

INNSBRUCK, Austria, June 7, (AP): Italy's Franco Vona beat eight other cyclists by four seconds to win the 16th stage of the Italian cycling tour today as the race crossed the border and ended in this Austrian city.

**Four-team soccer**

TOKYO, June 7, (Reuter): Result of the final of a four-team soccer tournament today: Flamengo (Brazil) beat Bayer Leverkusen (West Germany) 1-0 (halftime 0-0). Scorer: Zico (55th minute).

**Olympic medalist**

KREFELD, West Germany, June 7, (Reuter): Decathlete Juergen Hingsen, the 1984 Olympic silver medalist, said yesterday he had parted company from Norbert Pixgen, his trainer for 13 years.

**Hamlet Challenge**

JERICHO, New York, June 7, (AP): French Open semifinalists Henri Leconte, Andre Agassi and Jonas Svensson have entered the 16-man Hamlet Challenge, which will be held Aug. 23-28.

**Coach fired**

HOUSTON, June 7, (AP): Houston Rockets' coach Bill Fitch, who led the Rockets to the National Basketball Association finals in 1986, was fired yesterday after five seasons.

**Olympic team**

LONDON, June 7, (UPI): Britain is planning to send its biggest ever Olympic team to Seoul this year. Britain aims to field 384 competitors in 19 sports at a cost of £2.5 million (\$4.65 million).

**British Open**

LONDON, June 7, (UPI): British Open golf tradition going back 128 years will be broken at Royal Lytham next month. The leaders of the July 14 to 17 event will be separated from the field from the second day, instead of the third day, and they will start their rounds at about 3 pm (1400 GMT) for prime time TV viewing.

**Soccer idol**

VIENNA, June 7, (UPI): Austrian newspapers report that local soccer idol Toni Polster is about to be exchanged by his Italian club Turin for Brazilian striker Walter Casagrande of Ascoli.

**Spanish fans**

MADRID, June 7, (UPI): Almost 11 million fans attended Spanish First Division soccer matches in the 1987-88 season and stadiums were filled to 85 per cent of their capacity, press reports said.

**BRIDGE**

RESULTS of the Epsom Bridge held at the Sheraton Hotel on Friday:

1. Zubri & Cher
2. Meouchi & Samuels
3. Dr Al Zaid & Qattan
- E/W
1. Dr Tawil & Sabri
2. Dr Reddy & Stucker
3. Ravi & Mrs Persica

**GOOCH HAMMERS 8TH TEST CENTURY****England hold West Indies to draw**

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 7, (Reuter): Opener Gooch rose to the occasion with a defiant innings of 146 and ensured England avoided the humiliation of their 11th consecutive Test defeat by West Indies today.

Gooch and David Gower, who marked his return to the international scene with a timely 88 not out, shared a third wicket stand of 161 that ultimately forced a draw on the fifth and final day of the first Test at Trent Bridge.

**Prospect**

England, 203 behind on first innings, took their overnight 67 for one to 301 for three and, with no prospect of a definite result, the captains and umpires agreed to make the traditional early close to the match.

West Indies, who completed a 5-0 clean sweep in each of their last two series against England, found their ambitions of extending that winning sequence were upset not only by Gooch's immensely authoritative batting but also by an injury to Malcolm Marshall.

The Barbadian fast bowler,



Gooch guides England to draw

who is both the spearhead of their attack and an inspiration to the side, had to leave the field shortly after lunch suffering from a rib injury and having been

able to bowl only five overs.

Marshall, the first innings destroyer with six for 69, also scored a thunderous 72 and was named Man of the Match by former

England captain Ray Illingworth. Marshall also took one of only two wickets to fall during the day, bowling captain Mike Gatting for 29 with a superb delivery.

Gatting scored 29 and was lucky to make that many having been badly dropped off fast bowler Curtly Ambrose by wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon when he was 10.

Dujon spilled the chance as he dived in front of Marshall at first slip.

Gatting produced his best stroke of the day with a four through mid wicket off Courtney Walsh after he survived a strong shout for lbw earlier in the over.

The England captain made his runs from 101 balls and added 77 for the second wicket with Gooch in stand occupying almost two and a half hours.

Fellow paceman Patrick Patterson captured the other wicket, having Gooch caught behind by Jeff Dujon, but by that time the Essex opener had made the game safe for England.

Gooch's eighth Test hundred, and fourth against West Indies, occupied 433 minutes and con-

tained 15 fours, while Gower faced 164 balls and struck 10 fours.

Former England captain Gower, who missed England's winter tour to have a rest from the game, batted with growing confidence in an innings that will have helped to re-establish his Test place.

**Scoreboard**

ENGLAND first innings 245 (G.

Gooch 139, C. Broad 54, M. Marshall

six for 69, C. Ambrose four for 53).

WEST INDIES first innings 448

for nine declared (C. Hooper 84, V.

Richards 80, M. Marshall 72, D.

Haynes 60).

ENGLAND second innings (over-

night 67 for one)

G. Gooch c Dujon b Patterson — 146

C. Broad c Dujon b Ambrose — 16

M. Gatting c Marshall — 29

D. Gower not out — 88

A. Lamb not out — 6

Extras (lb-10 nb-6) — 16

Total (for three wickets) — 301

Fall of wickets: 1-39 2-116 3-277

Bowling: Marshall 13-4-23-1, Pat-

ters 24-6-69-1, Ambrose 23-4-56-1,

Walsh 25-5-84-0, Richards 9-1-26-0,

Hooper 14-1-33-0.

Second Test: London (Lord's) —

June 16 to 21.

French players slip quietly into S. Africa

CAPE TOWN, June 7, (Reuter): Thirteen French rugby players have arrived in South Africa, defying an anti-apartheid ban on international sporting contact with the country, officials said yesterday.

"My general attitude is still the same but there is one big difference — I know I can win a big tournament on grass so the confidence is there."

Cash, seeded second here, won the first nine and last three games with a thrilling display of power serving and sharp volleying, interspersed with subtle drop shots and line-clipping lobs.

The Australian, who owns a flat near Queen's Club, has not played on grass since beating Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl in the Wimbledon final last year.

"I like playing on grass," he said, adding with a smile: "Your clothes don't get so dirty as they do on clay."

**Meinecke upset by compatriot**

BOLOGNA, Italy, June 7, (AP): Fourth-seeded Tore Meinecke was upset by fellow-West German Daniel Keretich yesterday in a first-round match of the 599,000 Bologna tennis tournament.

After their match against Spain, Denmark meet West German and Italy in their attempt to qualify for the semifinals.

The Soviet Union squad arrived in West Germany for the eight-nation tournament earlier today and immediately transferred from Frankfurt airport to their training headquarters at Stuttgart.

The Netherlands squad came last week, followed by Italy and Spain on Sunday, Ireland and England are due into Stuttgart tomorrow.

Other matches were rained out.

Craven had a news conference where there was no connection between the European team and a world side due to tour South Africa later this year.

He said the World XV would be a far stronger side.

The Afrikaans newspaper Die Burger said the European tour was the result of three years of planning by Craven and the administrator of Cape Province, Gene Louw.

The visit was organised in such secrecy that the French players did not bring rugby kit, the newspaper said.

The players, invited as individuals by the South African rugby board, are from a number of French clubs, including Tarbes, Bayonne, Biarritz and Mazamet, Die Burger said.

Renault was one of the powers in auto racing from 1977 to 1986.

Its motors had 20 victories in Formula One racing, all but five of them in cars and chassis built by Renault as well.

Alain Prost missed the 1983

**Davis puts Northants on course for victory**

Davis: four for 54

trusted with left-arm spinner Medlycott. He ended with four for 19 to complete Yorkshire's decline in the morning.

Neil Taylor scored his first century of the season for Kent, who declared at 252 for two ... 117 behind Glamorgan on first innings at Cardiff. The opener's 112 came off 226 balls.

Tim Curtis (108) and Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick (78) provided the basis of Worcester's 333 for eight against Middlesex at Lord's which was hit by the loss of the first day through rain.

Curtis took more than six hours to reach three figures before being run out, while the prolific Hick made his runs off 93 balls and struck 12 fours.

**Scores**

At Harrogate: Yorkshire 142 in 58 overs (P. Robinson 58 K. Medlycott four for 14). Surrey 342 for four (G. Clinton 101, J. Richards 60 not out, K. Medlycott 54 not out).

At Liverpool: Hampshire 320 for six declared in 150 overs (J. Aylott 98 not out) and 10 for 100 (Sammons 25) for five declared in 87 overs (A. Hinchliffe 80, N. Fairbrother 69, Wasim Akram 46 not out).

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire 300 for eight declared in 98.2 overs (A. Storie 68, G. Small 45 not out, C. Cairns four for 84). Nottinghamshire 146 for five in 90 overs.

At Horsham: 132 in 102.3 overs (D. Malcolm five for 52) and 33 for 60. Derbyshire 239 in 80 overs (K. Barnett 67, P. Bowler 62 A. Pittfour four for 60).

At Cardiff: Glamorgan 369 for seven declared in 142 overs (R. Ontong 120 not out, J. Derrick 50 not out) and 16 for one. Kent 152 for two declared in 82.4 overs (N. Taylor 12 not out, S. Hinks 72, M. Benson 54).

At Lord's: Worcestershire 333 for eight (T. Curtis 108, G. Hick 78) Middlesex 178. At Taunton: Somerset 215 in 63.4 overs and 178 (J. Wyatt 69, S. Waugh 40 W. Davis four for 54), Northamptonshire 260 in 93 overs (R. Bailey 68, R. Williams 55) and 59 for three (W. Larke 41 not out).

**Renault announce return to Formula One racing**

PARIS, June 7, (AP): The French auto firm Renault said today it will return to Formula One Grand Prix racing in 1989 as an engine manufacturer.

Patrick Faure, the president of Renault Sport, a division of the French government-owned automaker, announced that the firm signed a three-year contract with the British Williams team and will use an atmospheric engine.

In turbocharging, exhaust gases turn a turbine which pressurises the air mixing with the fuel intake. It works more efficiently than a supercharged air pump driven by a pulley.

Slowly turbocharged cars took over, dominating the sport so much that the International Federation of Sports Autos (FISA) decided to phase out the engines by 1989.

**Kuwait TV to telecast Euro-soccer**

THE Kuwait TV authorities have completed necessary preparations for live telecasts of the European Soccer Championship, starting in West Germany on Friday.

All the matches of the championship will be shown live on KTV2 starting with the opening ceremony on Friday, June 10, at 8.30pm. The opening ceremony will be followed by the opening match between West Germany and Italy at 9.15pm.

Vicini cited their home advantage. Munoz praised their fighting powers and Robson said they were "a typical tournament team."

The hosts themselves fear Italy most. Beckenbauer told the West German magazine Quick, which carried out the poll, the Italians had a young but internationally experienced squad.

**Attack**

Irish manager Jackie Charlton chose England as favourites, saying they had the most dangerous attack in Europe and had vastly improved their technique.

The other three managers picked their own teams to win. Denmark's Sepp Piontek said: "We are still in mid-season while everyone else is drained at the end of a long, tiring season." But he tipped the Soviet squad to do well.

Soviet trainer Valery Lobanovski said his team would win and Dutch coach Rinus Michels also backed his own side, because they had played almost unchanged for five years.

The team for the European Zone B semifinal against Portugal includes Andrei Cheshnikov, a quarterfinalist at the French Open which ended